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States

Grounded freighter: Alaskan state regulators have banned commercial fishing in the Bering Sea near the wreckage of a grounded freighter where fuel oil has been seeping since

early this month. The order affects the Makushin Bay and Skan Bay tanner crab fishery, which had been scheduled to open Jan. 15. Also closed will be Pacific cod, black rockfish and fisheries for other groundfish that would have opened Saturday.

The wreckage of the 738-foot Selendang Ayu has been leaking oil and diesel fuel since it wrecked Dec. 8. More than 210,000 gallons is believed to have leaked so far.

So far, more than 40,000 pounds of oily waste have been collected in bags along the shore of Unalaska Island, according to officials. Forty-one dead birds and a dead sea otter have been recovered so far. Hundreds of other oil-blackened birds have been spot-

Ohio election results: The Ohio secretary of state, who declared President Bush the official winner in Ohio, is seeking a court order to keep himself from being interviewed as part of a court challenge of the Nov 2 vote

Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell claims his deposition is not required, and accused 37 voters challenging the election of

"frivolous conduct. The court challenge cites irregularities including long lines, a shortage of voting machines in minority precincts and problems

with computer equipment Bush defeated Sen. John Kerry by 119.000 votes, according to Blackwell's official count; Ohio's 20 electoral votes gave Bush the 270 he needed for victory.

War on terrorism

Guantanamo tribunal: A prisoner who allegedly stockpiled explosives at a police station in Afghanistan was one of three detainees to go before U.S. military review tribu-nals on Monday in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, an official said

The military alleged the suspect, 34, was in charge of the police station where a raid by U.S. and Afgh nan forces netted two truckloads of ammunition and evolusives said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Daryl Borgquist, a Pentagon spokesman

The ammunition was under the control of the ousted Taliban regime and was being used in operations against U.S. and coalition forces, Borgquist said.

Kashmir on the agenda: Pakistan's Foreign Secretary Riaz Khokar, right, receives his Indian counterpart Shyam Saran at the Foreign Ministry on Monday in Islamabad, Pakistan. The foreign secretaries of India and Pakistan began two days of talks that will include their first

formal dialogue on Kashmir since the nuclear rivals launched a peace process a year ago,

The Combatant Status Review Tribunals are intended to decide whether the approximately 550 prisoners from more than 40 countries at Guantanamo are properly held as "enemy combatants" or should be released.

officials said.

World

Palestinian elections: Palestinian voters will be stamped with indelible ink and ballot boxes locked with numbered seals to pre-vent possible fraud in the Jan. 9 presidential election, the first in nine years, election officials said Tuesday

Preliminary results from about 3,000 polling stations will be available two or three hours after the polls close, according to a top official in the Central Election Commission. Two pollsters will conduct exit polls.

In a speech to about 4,000 backers in Jericho on Tuesday, Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas said he will follow in the footsteps of the late Yasser Arafat, whose position as head of the Palestinian Authority he is favored to win in a Jan. 9 election

He said Arafat "devoted his life to the cause of his people," and pledged to follow Arafat's policies

Stalled Korean talks: North Korea blamed South Korea on Tuesday for a stall in the dialogue between the two countries

and demanded an apology.

In a lengthy report, the North's Secretariat of the Committee for the Peaceful Reunifiation. cation of the Fatherland cited a mass defection of North Koreans to the capitalist South earlier this year — and a joint military exercise the South held with the United States as "anti-reunification acts.

Business

Fannie Mae shake-up: Franklin Raines. who was forced out as Fannie Mae's chief executive after five years, is due to receive a pension of \$1.3 million a year for life, according to an agreement with the mortgage lending giant.
In documents filed Monday with the Secu-

rities and Exchange Commission, Fannie Mae also revealed that Raines has deferred compensation of \$8.7 million to be paid out through 2020 and owns more than \$5.5 million in the company's stock.

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U.S. military beginning tsunami relief efforts

Some Pac forces now in Thailand, others await orders

By VINCE LITTLE Stars and Strings

U.S. military officials in the Pacific are cranking up humanitarian-assistance and disaster-relief missions to Southeast Asia after a powerful earthquake triggered a catastrophic tsunami along the coastlines of Thailand, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, India and other nations Sunday

Lt. Col. Bill Bigelow, a Pacific Command spokesman, said military resources in Japan, Guam and elsewhere in the region will be tapped in the relief effort.

Air Force and Navy officials in Japan dispatched aircraft and ships to the area on Tuesday, with personnel moving into forward-operating locations that will be used as staging platforms for the delivery of supplies such as temporary shelter, clothing, food and water. Marine officials on Okinawa

unsure they'd whether launch a humani. tarian-assistance mission to Thai land, similar to the one recently conducted in the Philippines. Kadena Air Base had tankers and medical-evacuation

standing by but Air Force officials there had not received a specific tasking

"We're just getting stuff on the

ground," Bigelow said. "We continue to plan for the relief effort.' At least 52,000 people in 11 coun-

tries were killed in the weekend devastation. The 9.0-magnitude earthquake beneath the Indian Ocean off Indonesia was the most powerful to strike the planet in four decades

PACOM officials sent three P-3 Orion aircraft to Utaphao, Thailand, on Tuesday to conduct search-and-rescue surveillance, while the Navy has deployed three others from Kadena to assist in

cue operation

"The P-3 Orion aircraft's long range and long loiter time capabilian invaluable asset for search-and-rescue operations as it can view the battle space and rapidly provide that information to regional Rescue Coordination Cen-ters," said Lt. Arwen Consaul, a Commander, Naval Forces Marianas spokeswoman on Guam. "While not able to physically rescue a survivor from the water, the P-3's communications suite and abilities to stay on station, survey for long periods of time and deploy life rafts in the vicinity of any survivors make it an important component of any search-and-res-

C-130 cargo planes left Yokota Air Base, Japan, on Tuesday to deliver equipment and supplies to Utaphao, where crews are setting up a larger presence at the tiny for ward-operating base. Once the Group's Detachment 1 at Yokota But Tuesday, he was part of a C-130 crew preparing to deliver a mobile command post to Thailand

"When we get down there, we'll have all our communications capabilities set up. That includes air-to-ground radios and satellite communications," O'Daniel said. "We'll be the focal point for all cargo coming in and going out of the airfield. We're the command-and-control portion. We'll talk to the airplanes and find out what they have coming in.

Officials are discussing the possibility of establishing another forward-operating base in Sri Lanka to assist in the relief efforts, he

The response time for Tuesday's mission was far shorter than usual O'Daniel indicated. He said his team normally gets a 12-hour window, but this week, prep time was cut to nine

> "It's significant going out and doing relief missions he said. "Performing humanitarian relief is so much different than going out for a routine exercise or flight. You get a better sense of pride knowing helping vou're other people. It's a

great job, a rewarding job. I love doing this.

Plans for handling donations from individuals have not been arranged. Comer said.

"We're just taking care of the U.S. government-provided sup-port right now," he said. "I understand people really want to help out. If they want to assist, the best thing for them to do is contact the local Red Cross or some sort of support agency. The Air Force doesn't have a lot of that set up right now to get regular people involved:

Seventh Fleet units also are as sisting in the relief efforts. Ships



Personnel from Yokota's 36th Airlift Squadron load a mobile command post into a C-130 on Tuesday afternoon. The plane was bound for Utaphao, Thailand, where crews will use a forward-operating base as a staging area for relief supplies being sent to tsunami- and earthquakeravaged areas of Southeast Asia.

er Strike Group, along with those port supplies. They had been exom Expeditionary Strike Group pected to stay on Guam until Sun-5, have been diverted to the affected areas to conduct humanitarian PACOM also is sending three asrelief operations.

sessment teams of about a dozen mostly military personnel to deter-Seventh Fleet officials said they're prepared to offer a variety mine what further aid the military of assets, including ships, aircraft could supply. Those teams assess how best and personnel.

The USS Bonhomme Richard,

an amphibious-assault ship as-

signed to San Diego but on a

six-month deployment in support

of the war on terror, has shortened

its stay on Guam while the USS

Duluth and USS Rushmore are by-

ioin the Southeast Asia effort

assing the island completely to

The three Expeditionary Strike

Group 5 ships are well-equipped

for humanitarian assistance and di-

saster relief, officials say. Each

has extensive medical facilities on

board, as well as canacity to trans-

and where best our assets can be utilized," Bigelow said.

Pacific units have the capabilities to provide engineering, trans-portation assistance, medical aid and water. The Defense Department also is looking at working with other government and nongovernmental agencies, and other nations in the region, on cooperative relief efforts

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44 Performing humanitarian relief is so much different than going out for a routine exercise or flight. You get a better sense of pride knowing you're helping other people.

Tech. Sgt. Paul O'Daniel Mission support team chief, Yokota Air Base, Japan

mission-support package is in place, aircraft will conduct more targeted disaster-relief operations in the region, said 1st Lt. Warren Comer, a 374th Airlift Wing spokesman

"We're going to set it up so we can operate C-130s out of there and provide humanitarian relief. he added. "We're turning it into a larger forward-operations base so we can operate more units out of

Additional military supplies were being picked up at Kadena, Comer said

Tech. Sgt. Paul O'Daniel is a mission support team chief for the Tanker Airlift Control Element of the 613th Contingency Response

of the USS Abraham Lincoln Carri-

U.S. development agency donates additional \$20M

The U.S. Agency for International Development prepared Tuesday to add \$20 million to an initial \$15 million contribution for Asian earthquake relief as Secretary of State Colin Powell bristled at a United Nations official's suggestion that the United States has been "stingy."

A senior U.S. official told The Associated Press the increased aid figure was bound to be pushed even higher as assessments of the damage from the biggest earthquake in 40 years are received.

The Pentagon is preparing a supplemental relief operation and pre-stocked supplies of shelter, food and water bags are on their way to Indonesia from Dubai, said the official, speaking on condition of ano-

"The United States has given more aid in the last four years than any other nation or combination of nations in the world," Powell said when asked about the comments Monday by Jan Egeland, the U.N. humanitarian aid chief.

Other aid agencies were struggling to organize what may be the world's largest and most complex relief effort — responding to a swathe of death and destruction across countries that the United Nations described as unprecedented.

Egeland, who is in charge of emergency

relief coordination, said the disaster had caused "many billions of dollars" of damage, and could be the costliest in history.

Relief organizations used to dealing with one or two crises in the world at a time now have 11 disaster zones, tens of thousands of unburied bodies, millions of people left homeless and the risk of mass outbreaks of disease.

"This is unprecedented." said Yvette Stevens, an emergency relief coordinator of the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

Almost all of the nations hit were poor and developing, and will be largely reliant on outside help to cope.

Some nations will be expected to take on

more of the burden of relief efforts, said the United Nations, which is coordinating with organizations including the International Red Cross

"A country like India has a lot of capacity to cope," Stevens said. "In Malaysia, there has been some [impact] but the government can cope." Meanwhile, relief supplies were starting

to trickle into the region's devastated na tions

The Red Cross in Nairobi, Kenya, which has launched an appeal for \$6.6 million said in a statement that a plane carrying 105 tons of blankets, medicines and tarps for 50,000 people was headed Tuesday to Sri Lanka

Death toll from tsunami passes 52,000

Military still determining whereabouts of U.S. troops

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN, FRED ZIMMERMAN AND FRANKLIN FISHER Stars and Strines

As nations hit by Sunday's earthquake-drivtsunami continued to tally the human to U.S. military commands across the Pacific worked to determine whether any service-

members were among the dead or missing.

While all servicemembers and civilians from some commands had yet to be accounted for, initial reports indicated that most who'd been in the affected areas were safe.

In Japan, Misawa Air Base officials said Tuesday they have accounted for three Air Force members who were in Thailand on Sun-

Two already have returned to Misawa and the other has been in contact with base officials and is safe, said Misawa spokesman Tech. Sgt. Mikal Canfield. He said he did not know where the three servicemembers were when the disaster struck. No Air Force person-

nel assigned to the base are missing, he said.

Officials at Yokota Air Base and Camp
Zama in Japan said all personnel stationed

there had been accounted for.
On Guam, Andersen Air Force Base officials said they had no personnel visiting areas affected by the tsunami.

"All members have been contacted and ac-counted for," said Andersen spokesman Tech. Sgt. Bryan Gatewood.

A Marine spokeswoman said Tuesday some servicemembers assigned to Camp Butler, Okinawa, were in Thailand on leave when the tsu nami hit but they had been accounted for and

The spokeswoman, citing force protec-tion/security issues, said she couldn't divulge exact numbers of personnel in the region.

She added that information on Marines pos-

She added that information on Marines pos-sibly vacationing in the affected areas, who are assigned to the III Marine Expeditionary Force and 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, still was being researched Tuesday aftermoon. The U.S. military command in Seoul said

Tuesday it was working to account for mem-bers of its military communities who might be in the affected areas.

A written statement attributed to Air Force Lt. Col. Deborah Bertrand, U.S. Forces Korea spokeswoman, read: "We have identified and are currently confirming the safety and where abouts of those USFK members in the areas af fected. That process is going slowly but well so far. Infrastructure damage has made communications difficult but we are hopeful that each of them will be accounted for soon

The personnel in affected areas large number, but even one unaccounted for is too many and we will not rest until every member of our command is located and assisted in returning safely to us," Bertrand said. Many southeast Asian countries, particular-

ly Thailand, are popular vacation d for servicemembers and DOD civilians.

for servicemembers and DOD civilians.
While a firm number wasn't readily available, a Department of Defense Dependents
Schools-Pacific spokesman said Tuesday
"quite a few" DODDS personnel were in the affected areas.

As of Tuesday afternoon, all but 15 of DODDS-Pacific's 45 schools had replied to a query from the regional office. All schools that replied said their staff members were safe DODDS officials stated.

Officials from Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, and Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, reported Monday that all personnel in the tsunami-stricken nations were accounted for and BY LELY T. DJUHARI The Associated Press

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia - Mourners in Sri Lanka buried their dead with bare hands while displaced and hungry islanders in Indonesia looted stores following explosive tsunamis that the United Nations said may be history's costliest natural disaster

The death toll rose to more than 52,000 early Wednesday and officials expected it to rise further

A dozen nations in a hand of destruction from Southeast Asia to Africa tallied corpses at tropical beaches, devastated villages and choked hospital morgues — with 10,000 dead found in a single Indonesian town, according to one government agency.

Indonesia's Health Ministry said in a statement early Wednesday that 27,178 people has been killed on Sumatra island, which was closest to the earthquake's epicenter. But the ministry said this figure did not include data from districts on the island's hard-hit western coast, including the town of Meulaboh.

Purnomo Sidik, national disaster direc-tor at the Social Affairs Ministry, said late on Tuesday that emergency workers who reached Meulaboh reported 10,000 dead. There was no immediate evaluate tion why the Health Ministry statement did not count the figure given by Sidik Thousands of people were missing, and millions remained homeless.

Aid agencies feared malaria and chol-era may add to the toll from Sunday's quake-sparked waves, and mounted what U.N. officials said would be the world's biggest relief effort. "This is unprecedented," said Yvette Stevens, an emergency relief coordinator of the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

But help wasn't arriving fast enough for Indonesia's Sumatra island, where residents turned to looting to find food.

"There is no help, it is each person for themselves here," district official Tengku Zulkarnain told el-Shinta radio from the island's devastated western

Sunday's 9.0-magnitude earthquake under the Indian Ocean shot concussions of water onto coastlines from Indonesia to Somalia, drowning thousands. Almost a third of the dead were children, the U.N. children's agency estimated.



Bodies are piled in a mass burial pit for unidentified bodies Tuesday near Galle, Sri Lanka. Officials in Galle, severely hit by the tsunami Sunday, mounted a loudspeaker on a fire engine to advise residents to lay bodies on roads for collection

More than 4.000 were killed in India and more than 1 500 in Thailand

National elections were postponed indefinitely in the Maldives, an Indian Ocean archipelago where 55 were killed.

In Sri Lanka's severely hit town of Galle, officials mounted a loudspeaker on a fire engine to advise residents to lay bodies on roads for collection. Elsewhere in Sri Lanka, residents took on burial efforts with forks or even bare hands to scrape a final resting place for victims.

The trunamis and flooding have unrooted land mines in the war-torn country. threatening to kill or maim aid workers and survivors attempting to return to what's left of their homes

Indonesia's Sumatra island was nearest the epicenter of Sunday's monstrous quake - the world's biggest in 40 years and rescuers there battled to reach isolated coasts and dig into rubble of destroved houses to seek survivors and retrieve the dead.

Red Cross official Irman Rachmat, in Banda Aceh, said people on the island were in despair.

"People are looting, but not because

they are evil, but they are hungry," he said. "We don't have enough people to bury the dead. We are worried that all the corpses on the streets will lead to dis-

In once-thriving resorts of southern Thailand, volunteers dragged scores of corpses - including many foreign tourists — from beaches, inland pools and the debris of once-ritzy hotels. Near Phang province's devastated Similan Beach and Spa Resort, where mostly German tourists were staying, a naked corpse hung suspended from a tree as if crucified

The disaster could be history's costliest, with "many billions of dollars" of damage, said U.N. Undersecretary Jan Egeland, who is in charge of emergency relief coordination. Millions face a hazardous future because of polluted drinking water and a lack of health services,

Scores of people also were killed in Malaysia, Myanmar, and Bangladesh. The waves traveled as far as Somalia, with 100 dead, and Tanzania, with 10. A handful of deaths also were reported in Seychelles. Bangladesh and Kenya

Brother: 'They just ran for their lives'

N.H. family visiting Thailand beach fortunate to survive surprise wave got word they didn't know where Bill

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. - A Portsmouth family is lucky to be alive after their trip around the world landed them at the site of this week's devastating earthquake in Asia.

Bill and Susan McClure have been traveling since July with their two daughters, Morgan and Lily, ages 12 and 8. They reached Thailand on Christmas, the day before a magnitude 9.0 earthquake struck the Indian Ocean, killing more

than 52,000 people.

At least 12 U.S. citizens died, Secretary of State Colin Powell said. Hundreds more remained missing in 10 countries in southern Asia and Africa

Bill McClure's brother, Andrew Mc-Clure, said Susan and the girls were on the beach when the natural disaster hit.

"It sounds like they were in a very dan-erous situation and got out of it," Andrew McClure said Monday night. "They were on the beach and they ran. Then we

Bill McClure was believed to have been on a scuba diving trip at the time. At least 24 hours passed before his family heard that he was OK. At 4 a.m. on Monday, Andrew Mc-

Clure got a phone call at his Brentwood home from Susan

"We were very fortunate that they were able to call us," he said. "They borrowed an international cell phone, so

they only had a few minutes. Susan McClure described what happened when the tsunami hit

"You can only imagine what it must have been like to be a mother with 12and 8-year-old girls clinging to you," said Andy McClure. "She said the water was ankle deep and then suddenly it was chest deep. They just ran for their lives. I've been in tough spots before, but never where my life, and my children's lives, were in imminent threat of death. You

just can't know what that kind of trauma does to you

Communication has been limited during the family's travels, primarily be-cause the McClures have spent most nights camping out, Andrew McClure said. When they reached Thailand, however, where accommodations are less ex-

pensive, they were able to stay in a hotel. Since they started their travels, the Mc-Clures have been filing regular dispatches that have been published on the Sunday Herald travel page and on www.seacoast online.com.

When asked if he thought the family would continue their journey or return to Portsmouth, Andrew McClure wasn't

"It all depends on the details of what happened," he said. "This has the potential of being a very

traumatizing thing. They have kids. I don't know how they'll be filtering this through. They probably need time to feel safe before they can decide to go on."

Tsunami risk minimal for bases in Pacific

Geographical features provide natural buffer

BY GREG TYLER

U.S. Navy facilities in Japan and Guam are unlikely to experience tsunami disasters like those dealt countries in Southeast Asia on Sunday, officials said.

When earthquakes occur and tsunamis could result, the Navy weather detachments receive as much warning as possible from the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Ewa Beach, Hawaii, they said.

"Most of the time, when earthquake activity in the region leads to a tsunami it means a rise in the water levels by an inch, or a few inches," said Jon Nylander, spokesman for Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Japan.

"If the tsunami is extremely powerful and moves as fast as idd in Southeast Asia, then about the best we can do is hunker down and head for high ground," he said. "The aftereffects would then be addressed by the disaster, preparedness plan at each base."

The good news, officials said, is that harbors at Yokosuka Naval Base and Sasebo Naval Base are protected by land between the open sea and those bases. U.S. Naval Base Guam is protected similarly with coral reefs and the Marianas Trench, both helping to deflect a tsunami's powerful punch.

The most these facilities typically experience from tsunami activity, Nylander said, is a rise in sea level anywhere from one to several inches.

According to the International Tsunami Information Center, the only damaging tsunami in Guam's recorded history was in 1849. Several bayside villages were flooded and a woman was washed out to sea and killed.

Three of the eight worst known tsunamis occurred in Japan, according to the National Geophysical Data Center's Web site. Those include a 1707 tsunami that killed an estimated 30,000 people, a tsunami in Sanriku in 1896 that killed approximately 27,000 and another in Sanriku that killed about 3,000 in 1933.

about 3,000 in 1933.

Preparing for deadly tsunamis, with their mind-boggling swells and stories-high waves like those that devastated areas throughout Asia a few days ago, is almost ins-Asia a few days ago, is almost ins-Sanaron Kawczk, a forceaster with the Naval Pacific Meteorology and Oceanography Detachment at Sasebo Naval Base, Japan, said disastrous tsunamis develop quickly and can maintain speeds of up to 500 miles per hour for thousands of miles.

If given time to prepare, bases could issue warnings on radio and television and any other means available. And if deemed necessary and if time permits, the base could evacuate. "But that's never happened in base history," the weather forecaster safe.

"When you drop a rock in a pool of water, you can see the ripples moving out from the center. In essence, those ripples are tsunami; it works the same way," Kawczk explained.

"For us to see any serious tsunami action, a tsunami-generating earthquake would have to occur very close to the Sasebo Harbor," he added, "which I suppose is possible but hasn't happened."

Ships berthed at Japan and Guam bases probably would lack time to sortie were a massive tsunami en route, and the minor rise in sea level from lesser tsunamis is not particularly dangerous, he explained.

"Ships can be fairly safe at sea during a tsunami because the large waves are moving deep under the surface. Out at sea, they aren't extremely noticeable," Kawczk explained. The passing waves produce only a gentle rise and fall of the surface.

tle rise and fall of the surface. The Novosibirsk Tsunami Laboratory in Novosibirsk, Russia, recorded 796 tsunamis in the Pacific Ocean from 1900 to 2001, according to NASA's Global Change Master Directory Web site. Of those, 117 caused casualties and damage mostly near the source, and at least nine caused widespread destruction throughout the Pacific.

The greatest number of tsunamis during any one year was 19 in 1938, the GCMD site states, but all were minor and caused no damage. No single year during the 101-year period was free of

tsunamis.

Of the total tsunamis, the



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The USS Kitty Hawk, shown in 2001 anchored at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, is not at great risk of tsunami damage because land separates the base from the open sea. The same is the case at Sasebo Naval Base, Japan, and U.S. Naval Base Guam.

GCMD tally shows 17 percent generated in or near Japan. The distribution of tsunamis in other areas is as follows: South America, 15 percent: New Guinea-Solomon Islands, 13 percent; Mexico and Central America, 10 percent; Mexico and Central America, 10 percent; Philippines, 9 percent; New Zealand and Tonga, 7 percent; Alaska and the west coasts of Canada and the United States, 7 percent; and Hawaii, 3 percent.

Prior to Sunday's disaster, the most deadly tsunami in recorded history followed the eruption of the Krakatoa volcano in 1883 in Indonesia. An estimated 36,000 people died from the eruption, the majority from tsunamis, according to the site.

Pacific Tsunami Warning Center bulletins, as well other tsunami information, are available at the center's Web site: http://www.prh.noaa.gov/ptwc/.

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Survivors struggle to carry on amid devastation

The Associated Pres

EDITOR'S NOTE — The following are snapshots of how people coped Tuesday with the aftermath of a powerful earthquake and tsunami.

BANGKOK, Thailand — The Alliance Francaise is usually the place in Bangkok where people who enjoy French food and culture gather to watch movies or take classes. In the last few days, it's become a kind of community

center for French people to exchange news and donate food and clothes to help families caught up in the devastation of the tsunamis that hit Thailand's southern beach resorts

On Tuesday, 8-year-old Juliet David was being helped by a volunteer to try on little dresses. Other children showed up wearing nothing more than underwear. All their clothes had been lost.

One of Juliet's arms was bandaged, cradling in a sling. Her angelic face stared forlornly as she sorted through shoes on the table.

She grabbed a teddy bear in a pile of dolls and held it close to her chest while aimlessly wandering around a large room stocked with food. clothes and toys.

Juliet was on the beach with her father and sister when the tsunami hit. She was found after sleeping alone for two days in the woods.

Her father died, but Juliet's sister survived and somehow they were reunited. They were brought to Bangkok and taken into the care of the French Embassy and Alliance Francaise until they can be reunited with their mother back home.

Medics and coroners work side by side

NAGAPPATTINAM, India — When an ambulance siren approaches, two groups of doctors at the hospital get ready: one to treat the injured, the other to receive bodies. Usually, the second group gets the work.



A Sri Lankan fisherman stands next to fishing vessels that were pulled ashore by Sunday's powerful tsunami in the coastal town of Berwalla in southern Sri Lanka, on Tuesday.

Across a wide swathe of India's southern coast, hospitals have been reduced to counters for registering the dead.

"There were so many dead and very few injured," the Rev. P. Xavier, rector of the Basilica of the Virgin Mary, said Tuesday. He estimated 1,400 people may have died in the nearby pilgrimage town of Velankanni.

Makeshift morgues hold dead

LHOKSEUMAWE, Indonesia — "Heave ho! Let's get this out of the way!" a team of men shouted as they lifted the frame of a destroyed house Tuesday. Women wailed when they saw what lay underneath — the body of a young girl half-buried by wet, black sand.

At a makeshift morgue a short drive away, villagers holding towels against their faces made their way past rows of corpses, lifting plastic sheets to look for a familiar face. One of the bodies was tagged, with a name scrawled on one side of cigarette pack.
"My mother, no word. My sisters, brothers, aunt, uncle,

grandmother, no word," yelled one woman. "Where are they? Where are they? I don't know where to start looking."

About 3,000 people are living in tents in Lhokseumawe,

a battered town in Aceh province on the island of Sumatra.

Clothes in short supply

MUTTUKADU, India — When a man who gave his name as Prabhu and his friends showed up in a three-wheel delivery motorcycle piled with used clothes Tuesday, they were mobbed by people left homeless by the tsunamis.

As the situation verged on chaos, local officials stepped

in and shepherded Prabhu across the street, where his 10 bags of clothing were put with food that was being rationed.

This small fishing village 20 miles south of Madras was pummeled Sunday.

More than 300 people are sheltering under three huge banyan trees. Most lost everything when waves swept over their thatch homes.

Women who salvaged their saris stretched them out to dry, giving the brown grassy expanses streaks of color.

"Mostly these people lost clothes. ... We wanted to help," said Prabhu, a 26-year-old laborer who is going around with his friends to gather clothes from their neighbors.

Despite the mob scene, he said they would continue to gather clothes in the morning and hand them out in the afternoon

"Human nature is to help people," he said.

802 killed in train swept away by tsunami

By CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA The Associated Press

TELWATTA, Sri Lanka More than 800 people were killed when their train, the "Queen of the Sea." was swept off the track by this week's raging tsunami, police said, and several hundred bodies pulled from the twisted wreckage were buried Tuesday

alongside the railway line. The train was carrying 1,000 residents of Colombo to a southern beach resort when it came to a stop just before its destination as waters began to rise Sunday. Residents of nearby towns ran onto the train, trying to seek protection on its roof when the wall

of water hit, police said. The eight rust-colored train cars lay disconnected and overturned in deep pools of water yards away from the track amid debris and fallen palm trees Tues day. The force of the waves had torn off some of the wheels, and the tracks twisted like a loop on a

One thousand tickets were sold

cuers recovered 802 bodies from the train's cars and the muck beneath them, said military spokes

man Brig. Daya Ratnayake No relatives claimed 204 of those bodies, so they were buried in a mass grave Tuesday, with Buddhist monks performing tradi tional funeral rites. They chanted and poured water on the grave to symbolize the giving of merits of

the living to the dead. Baddegama Venerable Samitha, a Buddhist monk and former parliamentarian who presided over the ritual said he real. ized some of the dead were of other faiths — the region has a significant Muslim population and a moment's silence was held

to honor them. "This was the only thing we could do," he said. "It was a desperate solution. The bodies were rotting. We gave them a decent burial

The destruction across Sri Lanka's coasts from Sunday's disaster was so heavy that authorities were not immediately aware

of the train's loss, said Sasanka Javasekara, a lawyer and member of the local government.

The train - named "Samudradevi," meaning Queen of the Sea - had left Colombo at 7:30 a.m. and was traveling 70 miles southeast to Galle along the coastal rail line, which runs about 200 yards from the shore. It was near the village of Telwatta, about 15 miles from Galle when the water began to rise

"The people in the village ran toward the train and climbed on top of it," said Police Superintendent B.P.B. Ayupala. "Then the water level went down" — the effect of the approaching tsunami sucking in the coastal waters before its strikes - "and 10 minutes later. it came back" in the giant wave, he said.

The train's driver survived, though police under his authority had not spoken to him. Ayupala said authorities took

fingerprints of the unclaimed dead so that they could be identified later if possible.

At a nearby police station, offic-



Buddhist monks and villagers search for the missing along railroad tracks at Telwatte, about 63 miles south of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

ers laid out identification and credit cards, drivers' licenses and bank books found at the train site The people in the cards included an electricity board secretary, an assistant lecturer at a state research institute of social development and a student from the Uni-

versity of Jaffna, in the north of the island nations.

"Police told us to come and have a look at this collection of ID cards," said Premasiri Javasinghe, one of many searching for relatives believed to have been on

Disaster taking heaviest toll on Asia's youngest generation Thousands of children lost on beaches; many survivors now orphans

BY S. SRINIVASAN The Associated Press

Carol Bellamy. Hundreds of thousands of

CUDDALORE, India — The buzz of grim conversation in the darkened morgue was broken by a man's shriek as the small body was lowered on a bed. "My son, my king!" wailed Venkatesh, hugging the limp shrouded bundle

Thousands of miles away in Indonesia, farmer Yusya Yusman aimlessly searched the beaches for his two children lost in Sunday's tsunami. "My life is over," he said emotionlessly

In country after country, children have emerged as the biggest victims of Sunday's quake-horn tsunamis - thousands and thousands drowned, battered and washed away by huge walls of water that have wiped away huge numbers from an entire generation of Asians.

"The power of this earthquake, and its huge geographical reach, are just stagger said UNICEF Executive Director children who managed to survive in the affected coastal communities now "may be in serious jeopardy," she added.

The U.N. organization estimates at least one-third of the tens of thousands who died were children, and the proportion could be up to half, said UNICEF spokesman Alfred Ironside in New York. He said communities are suffering a double loss: dead children and orphaned boys and girls. "Our major concern is that the kids who survived the tsunami now survive the aftermath. Because children are the most vulnerable to disease and lack of proper nutrition and water.'

Children make up at least half of the population in Asia. Many of them work alongside poverty-stricken parents in the fishing or related industries in coastal areas, so they were in harm's way when the tsunamis came. Many children from the more affluent families also would have been on the beaches for a stroll or for Sunday picnics.

In Sri Lanka, which suffered the biggest loss of life, crowds had come to the beaches to watch the sea after word spread that was producing larger-than-normal waves

Thousands of children joined their elders to see the spectacle. The waves brought in fish. The old and the young col-

lected them. Many waited for more fun.

Then the 15- to 20-foot waves hit the tropical island of 19 million people.

"They got caught and could not run to safety. This is the reason why we have so many child victims," said Rienzie Perera, a ce spokesman who said reports from affected police stations indicated children made up about half the victims in Sri

On Monday, parents wept over the bodies of their children in streets and hospitals across the island, even as some dead children still dangled unclaimed from barbed

The scenes of unimagined grief and mourning were repeated across Asia.

"Where are my children?" wept 41-year-old Absah, as she searched for her 11 missing children in Banda Aceh, the Indonesian city closest to Sunday's epicen-

On the day disaster struck, Malaysian Rosita Wan, 30, recalled watching in horror as her 5-year-old son was gulped by the sea while he swam near the shore at Pen-

"I could only watch helplessly while I heard my son screaming for help. Then he was underwater and I never saw him again," said the sobbing mother.

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Martin leaving DODDS after three decades

BY DAVE ORNAUER Stars and Stripes

TORII STATION, Okinawa --For 35 years, Jeff Martin has been a fixture in the Department of Defense Dependents Schools system, from Germany to Spain Okinawa, from teaching health, business and physical education to holding high-level ad-

That ends Thursday when Martin leaves his post as chief of staff, the No. 2 position within

DODDS-Pacific, to retire. Leaving what he calls "probably the best job I'm ever going to have" is going to be "extremely difficult," said Martin, 63, who first joined DODDS in 1969, teaching in Mannheim, Germa-

ny. Martin and his wife, Faith, will join their son, Brett, in Phoenix. Of all Martin did as chief of staff, he says, his main passion was coordinating activities

DODDS-Pacific offers its students outside the classroom. That focus, he said, may have sprung from not being "a great scholar ... I was always involved

a lot of my successes were in activities, whether it was drama or sports

That passion, said his boss of seven years, DODDS-Pacific director Dr. Nancy Bresell, became Martin's signature and most visible quality.

"He has really devoted a lot of time and energy" to activities "and has helped to make them the important events that they are in the lives of our kids," Bresell said. "It's going to be hard to find somebody to step into those shoes and continue in the same vein. Kids are important to Jeff."

Originally from Milton, Mass., Martin graduated from Salem State University, near Boston, in 1969, and had been teaching in Connecticut when he and his new bride, Faith, decided to go to Europe to ski and seek a teaching job overseas.

"Either they would not pay you more than 12 cents an hour and you could ski all you wanted, or they'd pay you a lot of money and you couldn't ski," Martin

Then, "I found out about the DODDS office in Germany, and after the interview I was picked

up as a local hire," he recalled.

"One year turned into 35-plus wonderful years," he said, adding that family and opportunities to see the world kept him in DODDS "We couldn't find a better place to educate our children. And to be able to see the world as a family, the traveling, the skiing, the Olympics."

The first three years were spent teaching and serving as a drug counselor at Mannheim.

Torreion Middle School in Spain followed, then his first administrative stint, as health and physical education counselor and interscholastic sports czar for the DODDS' Mediterranean district.

"I really work well with kids having problems, be it socially, academically, athletically," Martin said. "I'm not sure why. I guess I can just relate to then

The call came in 1987 from Dr Jerry Bloom, his former boss in Spain and then DODDS-Pacific director. Bloom wanted Martin to take his first administrative post in the Far East: assistant principal of Kadena High School on Okinawa

"It was extremely difficult to leave," Mar-tin recalled.

"We had 121/2 wonderful vears Spain. It was hard on my children. It's hard to uproot, and was a hard transition. However, in the long run,

turned out to be the best thing in the world." After two years at Kadena High. Martin moved up to the DODDS-Pacific regional office in 1989, where he has remained in various capacities, including

his current chief-of-staff post. Working with the Pacific schools, particularly Kadena from where his two sons, Brett and Matthew, graduated -Kubasaki high schools on Okinawa, was the main benefit, he

"The Pacific high schools are tops in DODDS," Martin said.

You can't find two better high schools than Kadena and Kubasaki. Top-notch faculty, curricu-lum and great activities. The enthusiasm of the faculty. It's the size, a little bigger than some of the other schools, so they can offer more than some of the smaller schools."

There will be plenty to miss, Martin said. "From kindergarten through the 12th grade, we have the best parents, teachers, students, administrators and community support," he said. "It really is a whole total networking commitment. ... I'll miss it."

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Okinawa activists file lawsuit to halt seabed drilling test

CHIYOMI SUMIDA Stars and Stripes

NAHA, Okinawa - Okinawa residents, environmentalists and anti-military advocates sued the Japanese government Monday, demanding it halt a seabed drilling test for a new U.S. Marine Corps air station off the shore of Henoko in Nago.

Among those suing are 68 Okinawa residents from Henoko and elsewhere, including a fisherman from neighboring Kunigami

In the lawsuit, they argue a new military airport would further burden Okinawans who already bear the burdens of a heavy U.S. military presence. The facility also would endanger various corals and the dugong, a type of manatee that feeds there, the lawsuit contends

"Corals have been already damaged by the platforms set up for the drilling survey," said Toshio Ikemiyagi, chief lawyer for those who filed the lawsuit. "If this continues, impacts on dugongs are unavoidable

The lawsuit, filed at Naha District Court, seeks to suspend construction of the air station, which is to be built on reclaimed land next to Camp Schwab.

"The lawsuit was brought by plaintiffs who are resolved not to let any new military base be built on Okinawa," Ikemiyagi said. He said the World Conserva-

tion Union has advised the Jananese government twice to cancel

"Ecologists, environmental specialists as well as the Japan Federation of Bar Associations have expressed opposition," he said "The government should heed ... such voices."

Meanwhile, the Naha Bureau of the Defense Facilities Administration Agency, the Japanese government agency in charge of the construction project, Monday informed the Okinawa prefectural overnment that a major platform at the site, set up in November, already has damaged corals at more than 30 locations. In a statement, DFAA said 27 corals were damaged, four completely disappeared and four chipped away by the platform footing when it was set up, then temporarily removed in December due to a typhoon.

The U.S. and Jananese governments agreed in 1996 to close Marine Corps Air Station Futenma located in the heart of heavily nonulated Ginowan City, after moving its operations elsewhere Okinawa. Japan and the United States agreed to relocate the airport to reclaimed land and a reef bout 2 miles off the coast by Henoko, and to allow the airport to be used by civilian aircraft.

The plan drew sharp criticism from local residents and anti-mili-

tary activists. Takuma Higashionna of the Dugong Network said he hoped the litigation would lead to the nagovernment more detailed information on the project.

"For instance, they would never release the reason why drilling surveys at as many as 63 locations are necessary," he said. "Merely setting up platforms caused such damage to corals

"Once corals are damaged, it would ruin feeding grounds of dugongs and eventually kill all the dugongs," Higashionna said. "We want the government to immediately halt the survey and construction.

In a statement Monday, the DFAA declined comment, saying it has yet to receive a copy of the lawsuit.

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Unit finds weapons cache

31st MEU troops seize arms while on patrol in Iraq

BY FRED ZIMMERMAN Stars and Stripes

While it wasn't wrapped with a bow and placed nder a tree, elements of the Okinawa-based 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit got something for Christ mas that ensured the holidays are a little safer for U.S. and friendly forces in Iraq.

The Marines seized a weapons cache and detained two individuals during a security patrol south of Ar Rutbah Saturday night, according to a 31st MEU news release.

The patrol observed "14 military-aged males load-ing materials onto a trailer outside of a house," the release stated. When the Marines investigated, they uncovered from 50 to 75 155 mm high explosive proiectiles and empty ammunition crates

After the find was made, the house's owner and the truck's driver were detained. No casualties were reported during the operation.

Further inspection, the release stated, disclosed an ammunition crate filled with military publications, including a military-type photo album. The publications contained a picture of Saddam Hussein and photos that appeared to be of U.S. military tac-

The 31st MEU conducts the security patrols in an effort to disrupt insurgent activities in the Al Anbar province. Seizing weapons caches decreases the insurgents' stockpile of munitions needed to produce improvised explosive devices, the release stated.

The approximately 2,300-strong 31st MEU arrived in Kuwait in September for training before heading into Iraq. The unit was to leave Iraq in January but its tour recently was extended so it could help provide security for the upcoming elections. The unit now possibly will leave the country at the end of February.

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Report: Japanese foreign minister outlines steps to U.S. realignment

By CHIYOMI SUMIDA Stars and Strings

Jananese Foreign Minister Nobutaka Machimura on Monday said the U.S. and Japanese gov ernments would take three-stage approach toward realigning U.S. Forces Japan — and it would take time.

Machimura met in his office Monday with Kanagawa Gov.

Shigefumi Matsuzawa, according to a Kanagawa Military Af-Office snokeswoman who reported on the meeting. According to the spokes

Machimu ra said in the first phase of the bilateral talks, Japan and the United States would discuss the basic concept

for the realignment. In the next phase, roles of the military in Japan should be dis-cussed, with consideration given to situations in East Asia and ter-

rorism activities. In the final phase, detailed plans for which bases should be realigned or which units should be moved would be discussed.

Machimura provided neither a specific timeframe for the talks nor when action might be taken but said the three-phase approach would require time, the spokeswoman reported.

The United States reportedly has proposed that Japan move Army First Corps headquarters from Washington state to Camp Zama in Kanagawa prefecture.

Matsuzawa, concerned about media reports on realignment plans, wrote Machimura in October asking the government to release information on the ongoing talks, the snokeswoman said

"For Kanagawa, where 16 U.S. military facilities are located in the midst of urban cities, realignment of [the] U.S. military in Japan is a great concern of citizens," Matsuzawa wrote the foreign minister

The report of the headquarters transfer sparked discussions among Japanese politicians and scholars because the command operation is said to cover areas including the Middle East. Scholars argue that the so-called Far East clause of the U.S.-Japan Security Treaty limits the United States to use land and its military facilities in Japan only for missions that maintain peace and stability in Far East

The governor asked the foreign minister to release information on the talks and if an opportunity will be given to local communities to express their opinions, said the Kanagawa snokeswom-

In a letter released by Kanaga-

wa prefecture, Machimura re-plied that plans had not yet pro-gressed to where the government was ready to discuss USEI realignment with communities.

"However ... as the talks go on the government will fulfill its responsibility" to provide communi-ties "with necessary information while working closely them," the letter stated.

Two host communities of Camp Zama — Zama City and Sagamiha-ra City — have expressed their opposition to an Army First Corps move, the spokeswoman said.

"As [the] Kanagawa prefectural government, we will oppose the move, which contributes to the growth of the base functions, and consequently makes it difficult to close the base in the future," she

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paired areas, the spokesman said.

TOKYO - Bullet train services between Tokyo and Niigata resumed fully Tuesday, the first complete return to service since a major earthquake hit Niigata prefecture in October, East Japan Railway Company said.

The service was suspended between Echigo-Yuzawa and Nagaoka stations following the Oct. 23 earthquake.

The number of trains running is back to normal and includes addi-

tional trains to accommodate a surge in riders expected for the New Year's holiday season, a spokesman said. However, riders should expect arrival times approximately 10 to 15 minutes later than usual because trains will reduce speed at re-

Court rejects restricting Yokota flight times

TOKYO — Tokyo's High Court on Monday rejected an appeal by residents living near Yokota Air Base that the U.S. government suspend early-morning and late-evening flights at Yokota, said a spokes-man for the plaintiffs. Ten residents filed a lawsuit in Tokyo District Court in Hachioji in

1997 and 1998 to force the U.S. government to suspend flights from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m., instead of the current 10 p.m.-6 a.m. restriction. The court rejected the request based on an earlier Supreme Court ruling that the court has no jurisdiction over another country's gov-ernment, an attorney and spokesman Minoru Dobashi said.

The group appealed the decision to Tokyo High Court, which rejected the appeal, Dobashi said.

The 10 residents are members of the second and third group of resipreme Court rejected the first group's request in April 2002. From staff reports



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Analysts: Bin Laden, al-Zarqawi both get something in alliance

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An audiotape by Osama bin Laden suggests the al-Quida chief has accepted Abu-Musab al-Zarqawi's offer to unite the world's most famous terror group and the bloodiest insurgency inside Iraq, national security experts say.

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Bin Laden could benefit from allying himself with an anti-American fighter who gets daily publicity. Al-Zarqawi may get more financial assistance and support from bin Laden's backers, the experts said.

But for bin Laden, the alliance comes at a price: He is now tied to a man directing bomb attacks against Iraq's majority Shiite Muslims as well as Americans.

In an audiotape broadcast Monday by Al-Jazeera satellite television, bin Laden described al-Zarqawi as the "emir," or prince, of al-Qaida in Iraq and said Muslims there should "listen to him." He also called for a boycott of Iraqi elections planned for next

"Bin Laden gets the benefits of Zarqawi's notoriety," said Vince Cannistraro, former CIA counterterrorism chief. "He [al-Zarqawi] has got the pre-eminent insurgency in Iraq, He's the one who is the bloodiest, who carried out the most dramatic and public suicide

bombings."

The difference between this and other bin Laden alliances, Cannistraro said, is that bin Laden — a Sunni Muslim — "has a vocal enemy against the Shiites. By adopting Zarqawi, he's taking that whole package, someone who is virulently anti-Shiite."

Dr. Bruce Hoffman, a terrorism expert at the Rand Corp., said al-Zarqawi also gets an advantage by association with his former rival

"Zarqawi tried to milk his broader association with bin Laden and al-Qaida to win new sources of support and recruits and finances," Hoffman said. Hoffman, whose company is

Hoffman, whose company is known for its problem-solving research, agreed that both men benefit from the alliance.

"I think bin Laden wants to leverage off of Zarqawi's cachet and popularity amongst radial jihadists," he said. "Zarqawi realizes that his association with al-Qaida and bin Laden ... can pay yast dividends."



People inspect a destroyed police station 12 miles south of Tikrit, Iraq, on Tuesday. Twelve policemen died when gunmen attacked the station, one of several deadly assaults targeting Iraqis police officers Tuesday.

Militant attacks target Iraqis

BY SLOBODAN LEKIC
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD Insurgents launched multiple attacks on Iraqi police across the dangerous Sumni Triangle on Tuesday, killing 24 people — including 19 policemen — a day after the major Sumni Muslim political party pulled out of the Jan. 30 elections citing the deteriorating security situation

Also Tuesday, a militant group claimed to have executed eight Iraqi employees of the Sandi

19 policemen among 24 killed in multiple assaults by insurgents

Group, an American security company, saying they had supported the U.S.-led occupation. The claim could not be independently verified.

Twelve policemen died when gunmen attacked a station 12 miles south of Tikrit, Saddam

miles south of Tikrit, Saddam Hussein's hometown, said Arkan Mohammed, a local government official. A car bomb killed five Iraqi Na-

tional Guardsmen and injured 26 near Baqouba, a town 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, after the paramilitary troops had cordoned off an area in order to disarm a roadside bomb, said Maj. Neal O'Brien. In Baqouba, gunmen assassinat-

In Baqouba, gunmen assassinated Capt. Na'em Muhanad Abdullah, a local police commander, and wounded three other men, a spokesman said.

Elsewhere Tuesday, a car bomb exploded in the village of Muradiya, 18 miles northeast of Baghdad, killing five civilians and wounding dozens, said Dr. Ahmed Fouad of the Baqouba General Hospital.

In Mosul, a gunman attacked a police station in the Hadbaa district, killing one policeman, police Capt. Ahmed Khalil.

In another blow to plans to hold the ballot as scheduled, the largest Sunni political group withdrew from the race Monday, only hours after a suicide car bomber killed 15 people in Baghdad in an attempt to assassinate the head of Iraq's strongest Shilte party.

The rebels campaign to disrupt the elections for a new constitutional assembly has steadily escalated in recent weeks, and most Sumni parties and religious groups have already decided to boycott the ballot, calling for a postponement of the vote until the security situation stabilizes.

Iraq's national security adviser, Qassem Dawoud, called on Syria to turn in Saddam Hussein loyalists who are helping insurgents in Iraq and to help secure its border. He said that Sabaawi al-Hassan, one of Saddam's half brothers, and a Saddam loyalist named Younis al-Ahmed are supporting the insurgency from

"We hope the Syrian government ... will cooperate with us on drying the sources of terrorism in its territories and limiting the movements of Saddamists there," Dawoud told the Al-Rai Al-Aam daily during a visit to Kuwait.

Insurgents have mainly targeted members of the interim government's security forces whom they consider to be collaborators with the American occupation forces — killing hundreds in the past two months.

The 10 employees of Sandi Group were kidnapped west of Baghdad on Dec. 13 by militants claiming to represent the Mujahedeen Army, The Black Banner Brigade, and the Mutassim Bellah Brigade.

"Eight have been executed because it was proven that they were supporting the occupying army. The other two will be released for lack of evidence," a statement said.

In the city of Samarra, a suicide attacker detonated his car in the city center wounding 10 people, including three children, police Maj. Saadoun Ahmed Matroud.

Shortly after the explosion, people were told through mosques loud speakers to stay inside because of a curfew, and U.S. and Iraq troops set up roadblocks, witnesses said. Also in Samarra, U.S. troops killed three gunmen when they attacked an American post, the military said. No U.S. servicemen were wounded.

Several mortar rounds targeted an Iraqi police station in Mufriq, north of Baghdad, injuring three policemen, said Lt. Saleh Hussein. The three were hospitalized.

In Babil province south of Baghdad, police said they arrested 10 armed men in a raid in the area of Jbila after intelligence indicated the suspects were allegedly plotting to attack a police station there, Capt. Hady Hatif said.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

e Associated Pres

As of Monday, at least 1,325 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,038 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is four higher than the Defense

Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. EST Monday.

The British military has reported 75 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 16; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,187 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 925 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

A soldier was killed Sunday by an explosive in Samarra, Iraq.

A soldier was killed Monday by an explosive

in Baghdad.

The latest identifications reported by the De-

fense Department:
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Marine Lance Cpl. James R. Phillips, 21, Florida.

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Americans going online to support troops

Web sites get specific when it comes to donations for servicemembers in Iraq

BY PATRICK DICKSON

Stars and Strines

WASHINGTON — The staff at Walter Reed Army Medical Center asked Monday that no more phone cards or other goods be collected and sent to Walter Reed through February.

Such is the crush of support for troops serving or wounded in Iraq and Afghani-

The Internet has made much of this revolution in giving possible, with Web sites popping up regularly to help the public show their support and to try to make life a little better for some servicemember downrange.

Helping troops communicate with distant loved ones is a popular and practical way people are helping.

Last week, Democracy for America, former presidential candidate Howard Dean's new political action committee, donated 200,000 minutes of phone cards to patients at veterans' hospitals in seven states.

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Also last week, the Capital One finance
company announced it would donate its

video teleconferencing facilities in McLean, Va., and Richmond, Va., from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. EST on Dec. 30 to connect local family members with their troops in Camp Taji (aka Camp Cooke) and Camp Fallniah.

The gesture is being made in conjunction with the Freedom Calls Foundation www.freedomcalls.org, a New York-based nonprofit organization that links military personnel and their families worldwide.

Operation Troop Appreciation, one of many philanthropic "operations," has fielded requests and outfitted 1,000 troops with T-shirts, socks and underwear, recently throwing a party and raffle at Finnigan's Wake, a bar in Pittsburgh.

This nonprofit was started by Kristen Holloway and fellow students at the Katz Graduate School of Business at the University of Pittsburgh.

Holloway asked a friend whose brother was in Iraq what he needed. When told he needed T-shirts for his platon, Holloway solicited the help of friends and family and eventually tapped the talents of the business school to set up a nonprofit.

BOOKS for Soldiers, at www.booksfor soldiers.com, which calls itself "Care Packages for the Mind," was started during the first Gulf War to alleviate servicemember-

s' boredom during downtimes.

Troops send in addresses, which book donors can see on a message board, to mail books or other requested items. The site of-

books or other requested items. The site orfers mailing tips such as keeping the packages small to ensure swift delivery.

Two authors of parenting books want servicemembers and their families to have

their e-books, free of charge.

This site www.giftformilitaryfamilies.
com, offers a "care package from the

Erin Brown Conroy, mother of 12 and author of "20 Secrets to Success with Your Child," and Mort Fertel, who penned "Marriage Fitness" which he calls a step-by-step system for getting any marriage in top shape, are offered free of charge to Family members of deployed ser-

Another site, www.operationfirstrespon se.org, focuses on wounded troops, not just at Walter Reed and Bethesda Naval Hospi-

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tal in Maryland, but with 11 combat support hospitals in Iraq and Landstuhl Re-

gional Medical Center in Germany as well. They cut to the quick: With online donations, they buy a backpack and fill it with items the troops and family members always say are needed: socks, underwear, a toothbrush, razors, a 100-minute phone card and such.

Though storage facilities at Walter Reed are full, there is always a need for cash donations to the organizations that provide support to servicemembers at Walter Reed and at other military hospitals.

Some cited were the Walter Reed Society, at www.wramc.amedd.army.mil/wr society/; the Fisher House, at http://fisher house.org; or the American Red Cross at www.redcross.org.

Many other worthwhile organizations are listed at the "Support Our Troops" link in the Department of Defense Web site, www.defendamerica.mll/support troops. html or at www.stripes.com, where you can find a link to America Supports You, a Web site where such organizations can get their word out.

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Army chief says Iraq war 'going pretty well'

BY JOSH WHITE The Washington Post

TIKRIT, Iraq — Gen. Peter Schoomaker, the Army's chief of staff, made a surprise visit to a small group of soldiers here at Forward Operating Base Danger, and said in an interview that the

war in Iraq is "going pretty well."
"Everybody I talk to has a baanced view and understands challenge is ahead of us," Schoomaker said. "It's an important time. It's tough, it's a battle of wills, and we're going to stick with it"

In an unannounced visit, Schoomaker arrived at this northern Iraq city late Sunday and shared dinner with a group of about two dozen Army sol-

diers who have recently decided to re-enlist. Schoomaker arrived at the base's mess hall after 7 p.m. to a band softly playing Christmas songs and soldiers eagerly awaiting a seat next to him.

"I don't know of a time when an army could do its job as well as this one is doing,"

Schoomaker said after a quick meal with a gaggle of soldiers, officers and Maj. Gen. John R.S. Batiste, who commands the 1st Infantry Division. "I'm very proud of you."



Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker, left, on Sunday awards the Purple Heart medal to Sgt. Douglas McManama of Sandston, Va., at Forward Operating Base Marez in Mosul, Iraq. McManama was injured during the recent suicide bomber attack in the dining facility.

Schoomaker's visit was the third on the part of top Pentagon officials in recent

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> Gen. Peter Schoomaker Army chief of staff

tour of Iraq on Friday, and Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, ushered a USO troupe through Iraq earlier this month.

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Tikrit also met with Defense Sec-

Rumsfeld during

Donald

whirlwind

Schoomaker, wearing the Army's newly designed all-purpose camouflage uniform, presented each of the soldiers he met with a commemorative command coin in the shape of a dog tag. He said the dog tag symbolizes "what armies are for; armies are there to fight."

"You've made an important commitment," Schoomaker told the soldiers as they stood around a dining table in a corner of the mess hall. "The thing that gives me the most optimism for our country is you. I know some of you are going to be members of Congress, leaders of industry, leaders of the Army, You're just extraordinary."

Schoomaker spent his holiday weekend visiting troops in Afghanistan and Iraq, personally re-enlisting soldiers in both countries and awarding some soldiers their purple heart awards for combat injuries.

Earlier in the day, he visited soldiers with the 1st Cavalry Division in the Baghdad area.

Iraqi infiltration into U.S. bases no secret

Officials say problem is unavoidable

BY NICK WADHAMS

CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq— American commanders are fully aware that Iraq's insurgents exploit their policy of employing locals on U.S. military bases but insist the practice will not stop, though some security measures may be tightened.

The vulnerability of the Ameri-

can stance was exposed on Dec. 21, when an Iraqi suicide bomber dressed in a military uniform detonated his explosives at a mess hall at Forward Operating Base Marez in Mosul, killing 22 people including 13 U.S. servicemem-

Since then, security has been tightened at chow halls in some camps, with military guards demanding proof of identification more often and not allowing back-packs. Officials say they are constantly reviewing procedures to make sure such an attack doesn't happen again, but insurgents inflirating camps is unavoidable.

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Officials describe force protection as a game of cat-and-mouse, constantly refining tactics on base to counter changes by Iraq's insurgents. One aspect the insurgents also appear to have exploited is the American desire to give Iraqi security forces a greater role, to treat them more as equals and to try to get them to do their jobs on their own without ILS supervision.

While Iraqis who work on bases are vetted, Americans acknowledge that they don't do security checks on Iraqi forces on base, instead leaving that task to their Iraqi counterparts.

"We don't do a systematic vetting process on Iraqi security forces, their government that does that," Wilson said. "There's a certain trust factor that goes along with the Marines working with them."

Wilson said top-level military staff had asked bases to re-evals ate how they go about force protection, but things like allowing Iraqis on base would not change. Wilson refused to say what sort of ideas were being discussed, only that the ideas were being passed around with the goal of enhancing security.

Some changes have been more visible. Guards at mess halls are stricter about enforcing a policy that badges be visibly displayed.

At the gym at Camp Fallujah, only those with Department of Defense badges are now allowed.

"Of course everybody is afraid, these people are criminals who will do anything to hurt people," said one Iraqi man working at Camp Fallujah, an electrician who identified himself as Mohammad.

"But we can't find a good job except of these types of places."

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Supporters of Ukrainian opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko celebrate Monday in Kiev's Independence Square, Final preliminary results showed Yushchenko's win in the presidential election was decisive.

Yushchenko reportedly won by more than 2 million votes

BY ANNA MELNICHUK The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Final preliminary results showed opposition candidate Viktor Yushchenko had won Ukraine's drawn-out and divisive presidential election, while pressure built Tuesday on his opponent, Kremlin favorite Viktor Yanukovych, to concede and abandon his vow to challenge the rerun election

Yushchenko won 51.99 percent to Yanukovych's 44.19 percent in Sunday's court-ordered rerun of the vote, according to a final preliminary vote tally a difference of about 2.3 million votes.

"In principle, we have the result," said Yaroslav Davydovych, the head of the Central Election Commission "I don't know who can doubt it

Yanukovych, who returned to work Tuesday as prime minister, has refused to concede defeat and said he will challenge the results in Ukraine's Supreme Court. He said his campaign team had nearly 5 000 complaints about how the voting was conduct. ed and claimed that 4.8 million people — more than double the margin of Yushchenko's victory been unable to cast ballots, among them disabled and elderly voters.

Ukraine's parliament approved restrictions on voting at home in a bid to prevent fraud, but the Constitutional Court threw out the restrictions on the eve of the vote. Many people, however, were unaware of the ruling, Yanukovych's campaign said.

Yanukovych's vow to challenge the results echoes Yushchenko's successful move following the fraud-tainted Nov. 21 runoff, which the court annulled, leading to Sunday's revote. But that ruling came amid widespread complaints from foreign monitors that the Nov. 21 vote was unfair this time monitors have said they didn't see mass violations.

Yanukovych's team has yet to file an appeal, and the Central Election Commission's Davydovych said that many of the complaints they had received. purportedly from individual voters, were "printed on the same computer, with the same text, the same envelones

"This is on the conscience of those who do that." Davydovych said.

President Leonid Kuchma in the runun to Sunday's vote, urged both candidates to accept the official result and not appeal. And the Council of Europe, the continent's top human rights watchdog, also called on Yanukovych on Tuesday to accept defeat

"I call on all parties to accept the verdict of the ballot box and to refrain from rhetoric which may fuel division in Ukraine," said Terry Davis, the council's secretary general.

Ukraine's east-west divide has deepened during the bitter and protracted election campaign. The Russian-speaking, heavily industrialized east backed Yanukovych, while cosmopolitan Kiev and the nationalistic west supported Yushchenko.

Honduras examining if bus massacre weapons came from military employee

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras Government officials said Tuesday they are investigating Honduran news media reports that a military employee sold gang members the automatic weapons used in last week's attack on a public bus that left 28 people dead.

According to reports in the daily El Heraldo, La Tribuna and Tiempo, four members of the violent Mara Salvatrucha gang bought an unidentified number of Kalashnikov rifles used in the killings from an army captain last Wednesday, a day before they carried out the massacre. The reports did not identify the captain, but said he lives in the capital, Tegucigalpa. He reportedly sold the weapons for \$1,700.

"This surprises us, but we are investigating it," Defense Minister Federico Breve told The Associated Press. "We want to get to the bottom of this.

Breve did not rule out the nos sibility that the seller disguised him or herself as military personnel "to hurt the armed forces."

The government of President Ricardo Maduro has blamed the massacre on the Mara Salvatrucha, saying they were seeking revenge for the government's crackdown on gangs, as well as trying to outdo the rival gang Mara 18, which recently

killed two security guards while freeing a fellow gang me from a hospital.

Nine gang members have been arrested and charged in connection with the killings, al-though police say they believe only four of the gang members actually did the shooting.

The Mara Salvatrucha is considered to be better organized than the Mara 18, but both are known for their violent methods. Both gangs, which claim about 100,000 members all together, have controlled the poor neighborhoods of Honduras' largest

cities since 1995. Thousands of soldiers were patrolling streets throughout Honduras to prevent additional gang

Saddam's billions possibly smuggled

Investigator: Majority of illegal money not from oil-for-food deal

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BY EDITH M. LEDERER The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS - Paul Volcker, who is heading an investigation of alleged corruption in the U.N. oil-for-food program, said in an interview that most of the money illegally obtained by Saddam Hussein was from smug-gling, which was known by the U.N. Security Council but not stopped.

In the interview set for broad-

cast Tuesday with Alhurra, the IIS govern-

ment-backed

television station [there were] tailored for Arab audiences. Volck er questioned the reliability of reports that Sadproblems in the oil-for-food diverted amounts ranging from \$1.7 billion area. But ... most of those to \$21 billion from the \$60 bil numbers are lion oil-for-food program. The former U.S. Federal Reso-called

said there was a lot of confusion hetween money from smuggling and money obtained illegally under oil-for-food program, and he re

serve chairman

fused to give any estimates. "The big figures that you see in the press, which are son netimes la beled oil-for-food — the big figures are smuggling, which took place before the oil-for-food pro gram started and it continued while the oil-for-food program was in place," he said, according to a transcript obtained Monday by The Associated Press.

The Security Council author rized the oil-for-food program to help Iraqis cope with U.N. sanctions imposed after Saddam's 1990 invasion of Kuwait. Launched in December 1996, it allowed the former Iraqi regime to sell oil provided the money went primarily to buy humanitarian goods and pay reparations to victims of the 1991 Gulf War.

Saddam's government decided on the goods it wanted, who

should provide them, and who could buy Iraqi oil - but the Security Council committee oversee ing sanctions monitored the con-

In a report in October, top U.S. veapons investigator Charles Duelfer said Saddam was able to "subvert" the oil-for-food program to generate an estimated \$1.7 billion in revenue outside addition, Iraq brought in more than \$8 billion in illicit oil deals

with Jordan Syria, Turkey and through Egypt Egypt through smuggling or illegal pumping from 1991-2003 when sanctions were in place, he said.

U.S. congres-sional investigators reported in November that Saddam made more than \$21.3 billion in illegal revenue over \$13 billion from smuggling and about \$7 billion by subverting the

oil-for-food pro-

"Without question, [there were] problems in the oil-for-food Volcker said. "But when you look at those \$10 billion figures, or \$20 billion figures, most of those numbers are so-called smuggling, much of which was known and taken note of by the Security Council, but not stopped

Volcker refused to speculate on why the council didn't stop the smuggling, but indicated the issue likely would be addressed in his reports. An initial report is expected in January and a final eport in the summer, he said.

Volcker stressed that the investigation isn't just focusing on whether U.N. officials may be guilty of corruption, he said, but on other issues: Did U.N. officials on other issues: Did U.N. officials follow proper procedures? Was there "bad administration rather than corrupt administration?" What were the directions from the Security Council, and what was its responsibility?

Aftershock in Japan

TOKYO - An aftershock to a strong earthquake that rocked northern Japan in October struck the same region late Tuesday, but there were no immediate reports of injuries or damage.

The quake, which hit at 6:30

p.m., had a preliminary magnitude of 4.9 and was centered in the Chuetsu area of Niigata prefecture at a depth of about 6 miles the Meteorological Agency said.

A magnitude 6.8 earthquake struck the area on Oct. 23.

Fly to the space station

MOSCOW - Russia plans to ston giving American astronauts free rides on its spacecraft to the international space station beginning in 2006, the head of Russia's space agency said Tuesday.

Anatoly Perminov said the o-cost agreement between NASA and Russia's space agency Roskosmos could be replaced by a barter arrangement, according to the Interfax news agency.

IN THE STATES

Weather causes trouble in Calif.

Heavy rain brings floods, mudslides

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A powerful storm moved along the coast Tuesday, causing highway-blocking mudslides, flooding and power outages. Up to a foot of rain was possible in one moun-

Police said the weather may have contributed to the death of a young man who apparently tried to surf in 10- to 12-foot waves.

"It's really rough out there," said Paul Cole, a fire official at Half Moon Bay, describing the surf where the young man was

Highway flooding caused traffic accidents early Tuesday in Ventura and Los Angeles counties. A mudslide in Santa Barbara County closed northbound lanes of Highway 101, backing up traf-fic for about 20 miles, said Danette Yriarte, a dispatch supervisor for the California Highway Patrol.

Southern California Edison

said about 10,000 customers complained of lasting power outages The coastal communities within five miles of the coast are taking quite a pounding," utility spokes-man Marlon Walker said.

Meteorologists said up to 12 inches of rain was possible by afternoon in the mountains above Santa Barbara, with 10 inches predicted in the mountains and foothills surrounding the Los Angeles

Flash flood watches were issued for Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties.

The storm already had caused similar problems in northern Cali-

Two to 4 feet of snow was possible at higher elevations of the eastern Sierra Nevada and the Lake Tahoe area, the National Weather Service said.

On Monday, San Francisco was hit by more than 3 inches of rain that delayed flights at San Francisco International Airport. North of San Francisco, Marin County got 6 inches of rain.



Dan Brady, lead ballot counting observer in King County for the Washington state Republican party, uses an enlarged sample of a ballot Monday to explain what he believes are discrepancies in vote counting during a ws conference in Seattle. King County is the center of debate in the hotly contested governor's race.

GOP demands Wash. voter list

BY DAVID AMMONS The Associated Press

OLYMPIA, Wash. - Washington Republicans, girding for a pos-sible court challenge of Democrat

Gregoire's razor-thin victory for governor, on Monday demanded а of the 900.000 who cast ballots in vote-rich, prob-

lem-plagued

King Coun-



Democrats accused the Republicans of being on "a fishing expedition" and urged them to concede or face the public's wrath for dragging out an election already eight weeks old.

Republican state Chairman Chris Vance said his party and

other backers of GOP candidate Dino Rossi have nagging questions about the vote count in the county that tipped the race to Gregoire by a scant 130 votes last

"We want to know who voted in the election, and it's hard to know where we go from here [with a possible court challenge] before we get some answers," Vance said in an interview

"We're mostly posing questions. King County is where we saw the votes changing. King County is the one county that was allowed to take ballots that were declared dead in November and bring them back to life in December."

He stopped short of committing

to a court challenge of the election results. Some party activists worry that further litigation and delay could rebound on the GOP and damage Rossi's political future

"I get the clear signal from Dino Rossi that he's not going to do anything unless there is a solid case," Vance said.

He declined to say whether he's advising a court fight, but said "Overwhelmingly, from the grass roots of the party, the feel-ing is 'Don't give up. Keep fight-

But he said there's no rush, since any voter can contest the election within 10 days after certification

"Right now, we need information. We don't need to rush. Now that we're past Christmas and past the shock [of losing in the latest recount], people are able to

focus on what comes next

Secretary of State Sam Reed on Thursday will certify the latest re count, an unprecedented statewide hand tally that last week put three-term attorney general Gre-goire ahead by 130 votes out of more than 2.8 million cast. Previous counts had favored Rossi, an affluent former state senator. Reed's office said outgoing

Gov. Gary Locke offered to send a state airplane to McMinnville, Ore., to fetch Reed so he could certify the election on Monday.

PHILADELPHIA — Federal prosecutors have charged three pharmacists and two doctors with selling hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of drug samples. Prosecutors in criminal cases filed Monday accused the doctors of selling pharmacists thousands of free pills given to them by pharmaceutical companies as part of promotional programs. The pharmacists then punched the pills out of their sample-size packets and mingled them with other medications for resale to patients, the

Doctors, pharmacists charged with selling samples

government claimed.

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Improved rocket fuel tank paves way for NASA launch

The Associated Press WASHINGTON - In a major

step toward resuming launches of the space shuttle, NASA officials said Tuesday they have completed improvements that will prevent the falling debris problem that destroyed space shuttle Columbia and killed seven astronauts

The first improved and redesigned tank will be further tested at Kennedy Space Center, mount-ed on space shuttle Discovery and readied for a launch in May or June officials said

Sandy Coleman, NASA's external project manager, said that testing of improvements on the tank "gives us confidence that problems like what happened on Columbia will not happen again."

This is the safest, most reliable tank NASA has ever produced," Coleman said Tuesday in a telephone news conference from the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala.

The changes in the external tank add less than 150 pounds in weight. The added costs are still being tallied, said Coleman. The old style fuel tanks cost about \$40 million.

The external tank contains liauid hydrogen and oxygen, which are the propellants used by the shuttle's main rocket engines during launch. The supercooled propellants cause the formation of ice on the outside of the tank as the shuttle is prepared for launch.

Insulation, applied as a foam, reduces the amount of ice. But investigators believe chunks of the foam insulation peeled off the external tank during launch and led to the destruction of Columbia on Feb. 1, 2003.

Redesign of the external tank was considered to be a key part of NASA's effort to return the shuttle to space, but is only one of a list of recommendations from the Columbia Accident Investigation

Airports testing search methods

GRAPEVINE, Texas - Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport is one of 16 airports chosen nationwide to test equipment that expands the use of security technology and may limit the need for pat-down searches, officials

The U.S. Transportation Security Administration did not say what equipment or procedure the airport would test or when testing would begin, but nine other airports have been chosen to test two machines designed to check airline passengers for explosives.

The technology could limit the need for pat-down searches many women say are intrusive because they require screeners to feel between and around the breasts when passengers set off a metal detec-

The first test is a walkthrough portal that blows a puff of air on passengers and then analyzes the air for explo-

The second, a backscatter X-ray, allows screeners to see through clothing for dense objects, such as plastic explo-sives. Earlier versions of the X-ray drew criticism because the images were too revealing; new models use a generic body diagram.

"The technology is a much more advanced procedure to detect the very threats that we look at for manual pat-downs," said Andrea Mc-Cauley, a TSA spokeswoman.

The testing is part of the intelligence reform bill, which urged the security administration to expand the use of explo sive-detection equipment and other measures

The bill also calls for more research into cargos that can withstand a blast, systems that counter shoulder-fired missiles and the discreet notification of pilots about security breaches in the airplane

The test sites were chosen based on the number of passengers, geographic location. proximity to a manufacturer, congressional interest, checkpoint design and the airport's experience testing new equipment.

Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport is the nation's third-busiest airport and already is testing explosives-detection machines, used commonly on checked luggage, at the airport's cargo facilities

Report: Security priorities ignored

Homeland security money not allocated to top needs, watchdog says

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Homeland Security Department has allowed federal grants for improving security at America's ports to be spent on low-priority problems rather than the most serious vulnerabilities the agency's

outgoing watchdog says. In a draft report to be released next month, Homeland Security Department Inspector General Clark Kent Ervin says port security spending should be governed by the most pressing priorities rather than local politics.

Blaming inadequate staffing and poor coordination, Ervin said the department's port se-curity grant program needs better oversight to make sure projects that get money meet se-

curity goals "The DHS does not have a strong grant evaluation process in place by which to address post-award administration issues, including measuring progress in accomplishing DHS' grant objectives," Ervin said in a recent summary of the report.

The summary was contained in another re-port from Ervin's office, "Major Management Challenges Facing the Department of Home-land Security," which was posted on the DHS

The grant program has been criticized in the past for being too cumbersome and for awarding money to projects of questionable

To make his point, Ervin cited the report of the Sept. 11 commission, which said home-land security spending should not be used as a "pork barrel" for politicians to send money to their home districts.

The report is one of the last submitted by Ervin, who earned a reputation as a blunt critic of the department before leaving the job earlier this month. Ervin won a recess appoint-ment to the position in December 2003, but the Senate failed to confirm him and the White House appeared unlikely to nominate

him again.

DHS spokesman Brian Roehrkasse declined to comment until the full report is completed, but said the department had streamlined its grant processes earlier this year.

"We have made progress in integrating all of the previous disparate grant programs from the agencies that created DHS into one office in the department that is ensuring all grant dollars are maximized and spent according a strategy outlining the greatest needs, Roehrkasse said.

DHS manages several grant programs, totaling about \$10 billion last year, that provide money for disaster preparedness, prevention, response and recovery. The agency has dis-tributed about \$560 million for port security

over the past few years.

Despite consolidation of the grant program offices, Ervin said "much work remains to be and noted that department officials planned to increase staff to allow for more site visits and improved oversight of grant-funded

Robert Ashbaugh, spokesman for acting In-spector General Richard L. Skinner, said the report has been circulated to officials in the agency for comments.

"They will have an opportunity to provide a response and state whether they agree to take corrective action," Ashbaugh said.

Investigation ordered into airlines canceling flights over holidays

BY DAVID B. CARUSO The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA - The na tion's top transportation official

ordered an investigation of two airlines that canceled hundreds of flights over the holiday weekend because of computer and staffing problems, stranding thousands of travelers U.S. Transportation Secretary

Norman Mineta asked the agency's inspector general to investigate the difficulties at US Airways and Delta subsidiary Co-mair, which had to ground 1,100 flights Saturday because of a computer problem.

Mineta said Monday in a letter

to the agency's inspector general that people "must learn from the situations" to make sure they do not happen again. US Airways Group Inc. was

forced to cancel hundreds of flights and strand thousands of passengers between Thursday and Sunday because about triple the usual number of flight attendants called in sick

Adding to US Airways' woes an unusually high number of bag-gage handlers at Philadelphia's airport failed to report to work, the airline said and the remain. ing staff became overwhelmed by

a mountain of luggage.

Operations at the bankrupt company returned to near-nor-mal on Monday, although workers were still trying to reunite peowith their bags.

Comair also was returning to normal, with only eight of its flights listed as delayed Tuesday on the monitors at Cincin-nati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, where the airline is based. Rows of luggage not yet delivered to owners had diminished considerably from Monday, when they stretched longer than a football field.

Rademacher promised coopera-tion with the DOT probe.

Union leaders at US Airways continued to blame thin staffing denving that workers had staged a sickout to penalize the company

for slashing their pay.
"We are so short-staffed, if there is spit on the runway in Philadelphia, it causes a fiasco," said Teddy Xidas, president of the Pittsburgh chapter of the Association of Flight Attendants.

Of about 1,675 flight attendants scheduled to work Thursday, Friday and Saturday, about 300 called in sick daily, more than ex pected based on past holidays, US Airways spokesman Chris Chia-The carrier usually mes said plans for about 100 such absenc-

"To suggest it was somehow a staffing issue on our part is to shift attention away from the employees who chose to do this," Chiames said.

Alarm bells about a looming staffing crisis in Philadelphia apparently began sounding at least five days before Christmas and two days before snow began causing flight disruptions in Indiana and Ohio

"I would not fly through [Philadelphia] this weekend," one Internet poster warned Dec. 20 in a forum frequented by airline emplovees on the site USaviation.

The writer warned that a wave of US Airways baggage handlers were likely to skip work over the holidays, either because they were upset with the struggling company's latest proposals to trim pay and benefits, or because they were planning to retire and were using up spare sick days.

US Airways has been trying to cut costs to avoid liquidation.



Jacque Martin-Downs, of Detroit, looks for her luggage Monday at the baggage claim area inside the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Internation al Airport in Hebron, Ky., as airlines struggled to recover from delays and mix-ups caused by Comair's holiday weekend cancellations.

Experts: Technology available to stop airline computer issues

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The cancellation of 1,100 Christmas Day flights by Comair because of computer trou bles is prompting calls for more investments in backup systems and other technologies to prevent further groundings and damage to an already struggling industry.

The foul-up was hardly the first A computer glitch grounded 40 Delta flights in May. A power failure created a computer problem that forced Northwest to cancel more than 120 flights in July. A worker keystroke error grounded or delayed some American and US

Airways flights in August. "Obviously, the airlines have become way too dependent on computers," said Terry Trippler, an airline industry expert in Minneapo

Bruce Schneier, a computer se curity expert in Mountain View. Calif., said the issue boils down to cost versus benefit.

computers to handle more transact tions, install sophisticated backup systems that come on when the primary system fails or buy high-performance software that is used by NASA, nuclear plants and medical facilities to keep critical systems running at all times, Schneier said

"It's certainly feasible, but it's my guess [is] it's not economic," Schneier said. "My guess is it is cheaper for the airline to absorb this loss, which doesn't happen often, than to fix the problem."

Comair spokesman Nick Miller said the Delta subsidiary already had planned to replace its scheduling system with one that can handle more transactions, but the new system was not set to come online until mid-January.

Tim Wagner, spokesman for American Airlines parent AMR Corp. of Fort Worth, Texas, said the carrier already has solidified a backup system to prevent problems like it had faced in August.

Time's almost up for renters on park land

BY BEN FOX

The Associated Press

CRYSTAL COVE STATE PARK, Calif. - Residents of a mobile home park on the Pacific Ocean have long enjoyed a low-cost version of the California dream, paying hundreds in rent on million-dollar real estate.

But for 25 years they knew the clock was ticking on that dream: The state, which owns the land under their homes, would eventually ask them to leave so it could expand the surrounding Crystal Cove State Park and allow public

try and pristine shoreline.

The day of reckoning has arrived: Barring a last-minute court reprieve, nearly 300 families who rent at El Morro Village mobile home park must give up their homes in one of the most expensive areas in the United States.

"It's the end of a romantic era when you could live in a funky little beach place for a little bit of money," said Greg Wise, 49, whose father's mobile home has been a family gathering spot since 1974. "It's sad

Resident Vicki Gorham says

access to undeveloped back coun- some residents - the number is in dispute — are on fixed incomes and will have to move far inland to find a place they can afford. Residents pay between about \$400 and \$1,200 per month for rent, depending on the size and location of their 1ot

> The mobile homes sit inside Crystal Cove State Park between ritzy Laguna Beach and Newport Beach, where few houses sell for

> less than \$1 million. California bought the land from a developer in 1979 for \$32 million, at the time the most expensive purchase ever for the state park system. The state didn't have

the money to fully develop the park then, so it made a deal with the mobile home residents: They could stay for two decades on month-to-month leases in lieu of relocation payments. When the 20 years was up, the state still was not ready and extended the leases five years — until Dec. 31.

The park includes 2,400 acres of back country and seven coves along 3.2 miles of smooth beach and tide pools. Coyotes and threatened shore birds roam the sand. Dolphins, sea lions and the occasional gray whale can be spotted from 80-foot bluffs that shelter the coves from the bustle of nearby coastal Highway 1.

There are areas set aside for fishing, diving and surfing in coves once used by bootleggers to smuggle booze and by Hollywood

to film deserted beach scenes A state judge ruled earlier this month that the El Morro tenants had adequate notice and that evic-

tions could proceed. Residents filed an emergency appeal of that decision and also are hoping for a favorable ruling in a federal lawsuit challenging the state's compliance with envi-ronmental regulations. The state has said it will begin eviction proceedings on Jan. 17, after a hearing in federal court.



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Woman accused of taking fetus fits profile

BY TODD C. FRANKEL St. Louis Post-Dispatch

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ST. LOUIS. Mo. - In the first hours after Bobbie Jo Stinnett was murdered and her fetus cut from her womb, police and the FRI hunted for two men and a woman

based on a witness' report. They chased down a tip about a ring of thieves plan-ning to sell the infant

\$50,000 on the black market. But John Rabun, who has studied hundreds of infant abductions for the National

Center for Missing and Exploited Children, knew who authorities should look woman



pregnancy. She did this alone. She won't hurt this new infant. She'll parade the newborn around like a proud parent. And her husband will not have a clue

The center dispatched two infant abduction experts to the scene to help investigators. And when an arrest was made. Rabun's profile fit snugly around the alleged culprit, Lisa M. Montgomery.

"It's always a woman," Rabun explained last week. "This is a peculiar crime. Could a guy do it? Probably. But unlikely."

Rabun's experience with infant abductors extends from newborns plucked from hospitals to the most extreme and rare form, like the case in Skidmore, Mo. He

Kidnapping by Cesarean Section. What emerges from the work of Rabun and other experts is a picture of women so desperate for a baby they go to any ends to

get one. Often the women hope a child will cement a failing relationship with a man. "It's just so narcissistic. It's incredible," Rabun said. "It's her needs above everyone else's

In studying these cases, Rabun wanted to learn how to stop them. In the late 1980s, he wrote guidelines for preventing infant kidnappings from hospital maternity wards — the places where this crime most often occurred. Today, most hospitals teach staff to take precautions and use security measures akin to anti-shoplifting de-

vices on newborns. As a result, in-hospital abductions have plummeted from 12 to 18 a year in the Unit-

ed States to just two or three. That success arrived with unintended consequences. Hospitals are "hardened tar-gets." says Rabun. Potential kidnappers are thwarted.

Still, these women want a baby. Abductions outside the hospital have not jumped notably - they too are still rare. But experts do believe there is more pressure for kidnappings outside the hospital.

"Unfortunately, there are still women out there who want a baby who are going other places," said Ann Burgess, a Boston College professor and lead author on the newborn kidnapping study

The study examined 199 nonfamily infant abductions in the United States from 1983 to 2000. Only six of these cases involved forced C-sections.

that first snarked researchers' interest in this kind of crime. Darci Page, 19, staked out a prenatal clinic and forced a pregnant woman at gunpoint to an isolated desert area. The mother was strangled and her stomach sliced open with a set of car keys Page claimed to have given birth while driving. But a hospital exam revealed she'd never been pregnant. The baby survived. Page's husband had no idea what his wife had done

After stealing Stinnett's baby, Montgomery drove back to Kansas and called her husband, the FBI said. She told him she'd given birth at a Topeka mall and asked to meet him at a Long John Silver's parking lot

He had no idea what she'd done, authorities say.

Montgomery, 36, is mother to four children. She has no children with her current husband. In recent months, she'd posted on an online message board that she was pregnant again. But her ex-husband claims Montgomery couldn't be pregnant now because she had a tubal ligation in 1990, said attorney James R. Campbell of

Burlington, Kan. Campbell represents Montgomery's ex-husband, Carl Boman, in a custody battle. Boman had twice married Montgom-

ery for a total of 12 years.

Montgomery has lied about being pregnant before, Boman's attorney said.

"She had made claims in the early '90s on at least two separate occasions that she was pregnant," Campbell said.

Montgomery traveled to Stinnett's rural Nodaway County home Dec. 16 under the



Victoria to Stinnett, the newborn haby of slain mother Bobbie Jo Stinnett of Maryville, Mo., is seen in this image taken from video released last week.

pretense of being "Darlene Fischer," a woman interested in rat terrier dogs, which Stinnett bred, the FBI said. Stinnett was eight months pregnant. The two women had talked online.

At some point during the visit, Montgom-ery strangled Stinnett and slashed across her stomach, removing a baby girl, the FBI

Less than 24 hours later, thanks to the tracing of past online chats between the women, Montgomery was arrested. The baby, Victoria Jo Stinnett, was recovered safely and taken home by her father days

Montgomery was taken to jail. And the forensic experts got their first look at the alleged culprit.

"It fit the profile," Resnick said.



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Calif. police arrest doctor in fake art sting

BY SOLOMON MOORE Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES - The old doctor told his wealthy acquaintan ces that his treasure trove of paintings and sculptures had been bequeathed to his family by an Indian maharajah and that his late father had left a will stipulating that he could never sell them

through art auction houses So Vilas Likhite, 66, allegedly proposed selling his collection of paintings by Jackson Pollock, Jasner Johns. Willem de Kooning and other modern masters directly to wealthy individuals he met in southern California

The prospective buyers, authorities allege, were businessmen who knew little about art. The doctor appeared to have possessed Authorities say man sold phony Pollock, de Kooning, Cassatt paintings

meticulous documentation: A sculpture by the Romanian artist Constantin Brancusi was anpraised at \$28 million. A painting by the American impressionist Mary Cassatt was on offer for

But Los Angeles police detectives said Monday the artworks were fakes.

Tipped off by suspicious would-be buyers, detectives posing as a Korean businessman and an interpreter lured Likhite to an unscale hotel in downtown Los Angeles last week. They purchased the Cassatt painting before arresting him on suspicion of grand theft.

Investigators said the doctor came to the hotel with a dozen pieces of what he said were high-priced artwork. Detectives

determined all were fakes. Orange County sheriff's authorities were also seeking to question him about a fake de Kooning

painting Likhite reported stolen last year. Likhite was being held in police

custody in lieu of \$250,000 bail. The Mission Viejo hematologist could not be reached for com-

ment Monday. Police were still trying to determine the source of the counterfeit artworks and said they were following leads in Denver. Boston and Australia.

Detectives were also tracking the elaborate paper trail of certifi-cates of authenticity, appraisals and receipts Likhite allegedly con cocted to pass off his counterfeits as originals

Detective Don Hrycyk, of the Los Angeles Police Department's art theft detail, said none of the artwork appeared to be copies, but were original works done in the style of the masters.

It's not the first time Likhite has been tied to forged artwork. In 1989, when he was a physician in Massachusetts, he was accused by police of selling two fake pieces to an investment hanker and a fellow physician. He denied the charges. Authorities there said Likhite told the men that the paintings came from estates and other collections

Hrycyk said Likhite was convicted of the crime and sentenced

to probation Los Angeles police officials said they became aware of Likhite a few weeks ago from two businessmen who said the doctor had approached them. Likhite, they said, asked them to work as brokers to sell part of his art collection by helping him find wealthy buyers.

One of the businessmen said he took several paintings from Likhite's collection to a professional art dealer, who quickly declared them fakes, according to

Classic film registry expanded

BY LAURA MECKLER The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Films teaching Cold War children to "duck and and describing how Oskar Schindler saved thousands of Jews from the Holocaust are being added to the National Film Registry

Also being preserved: Elvis Presley, Bruce Lee and Jerry Lewis.

They are among 25 films selected by the Library of Congress to the registry, which now holds 400 pic-

Also on this year's list: movies starring Popeye the Sailor Man, Our Gang, Ginger Rogers and Fred As-

Librarian of Congress James H. Billington made the selections after evaluating nearly 1,000 titles nominated by the public and consulting staff and advisers, the library said.

"The films we choose are not necessarily the 'best' American films ever made or the most famous." Billington said in a statement Rather they are chosen because they have 'cultural, historical or aesthetic sig-

A film's selection recognizes its place in American film and cultural history, he said.

"The registry stands among the finest summations of American cinema's wondrous first century.

This year's selections span a wide cinematic range and include both obscure and well-known movies Among the better-known films:

■ "Ben Hur," the 1959 epic starring Charlton Heston, which tells the story of a Jewish prince who is betraved and sent into slavery by a Roman friend, only to regain his freedom and come back for revenge. action- packed chari-

ot race.

"Duck
Cover," the and Cover," the 1951 landmark civil de-1951 fense film seen by millions of school children 1950s. In the case of an atomic attack. children were advised to duck beneath a table or and cover desk their heads.

"Jailhouse Rock." which showcased Elvis Presley ultimate rebel mode. The edginess in this 1957 film was toned down in later Presley pic-

"Enter the Dragon," 1973, a U.S.-Hong Kong co-production that was the last film completed Bruce Lee and is considered one of the most influential martial-arts films

Jerry Lewis' greatest.

ever made. ■ "The Nutty Professor," the 1963 film which some rank as comic

■ "Schindler's List," the 1993 film based on the true story of Oskar Schindler, a factory owner in Nazi-occupied Poland who employed hundreds of Jewish workers and saved them from the Holocaust. Lesser known films on this year's list include "Daughters of the Dust,"



Elvis Presley's movie "Jailhouse Rock" is one of 25 movies selected to be added to the National Film Registry as representative of American culture.

> the first feature-length film by a black woman to receive a wide theatrical release, and "Empire," Andy Warhol's eight-hour, one-shot sta tionary camera look at the Empire

State Building The registry was established by Congress in the 1988 National Film Preservation Act, and each year 25 movies are added. The Library of Congress works to ensure that each film in the registry is preserved for

The chosen few

The 25 films selected this year to ioin the Library of Congress' National Film Registry, and the year in which they premiered: "Ben Hur" (1959)

- "The Blue Bird" (1918)
- "A Bronx Morning" (1931) "Clash of the Wolves" (1925)
- "The Court Jester" (1956) "D.O.A" (1950)
- "Daughters of the Dust" (1991)
- "Duck and Cover" (1951)
- "Empire" (1964)
- "Enter the Dragon" (1973) "Eraserhead" (1978)
- 'Garlic Is As Good As Ten Moth-
- "Going My Way" (1944) "Jailhouse Rock" (1957) "Kannapolis, NC" (1941)
- "Lady Helen's Escapade" (1909)
- "The Nutty Professor" (1963)
- "OffOn" (1968)
- "Popeye the Sailor Meets Sinbad the Sailor" (1936) "Pups is Pups (Our Gang)"
 - "Schindler's List" (1993) "Seven Brides for Seven Broth-
- ers" (1954) "Swing Time" (1936)
 - "There It Is" (1928) "Unforgiven" (1992)

- The Associated Press

Christmas lights Web site was hoax

BY COLLEEN SLEVIN

DENVER -A man who boasted to reporters around the world that his Web site allowed strangers to turn his outdoor

Christmas lights off and on admitted it was an elaborate hoax designed, he said, to spread holiday cheer. Alek Komarnitsky, a computer specialist, said he started

the site two years ago to see if he could use computer tricks to make it look as if the thousands of lights adorning his house in Lafayette were blinking on command.
This year, he went even further: At one point, with a TV

station helicopter hovering overhead, his wife was inside, turning the lights off and on herself.

The Web site was featured in numerous holiday stories, in-

cluding one by The Associated Press, and Komarnitsky said he decided to announce his scam to The Wall Street Journal because it had gotten "a little out of hand.

"For the overwhelming majority of people who read about this, it will continue to provide a little Christmas chuckle," Komarnitsky said after the Journal posted a story on its Web

On his site, Komarnitsky explained how he used a series of still photographs of his house from three angles — with the lights either on or off, and with varying amounts of snow on the ground.

To make it seem even more real, he would sometimes add an image of a person or a car driving by in the Web cam "shot" looking at the lights.

While people may have believed they were controlling the lights, all they actually saw were the prepared photos nothing was actually happening at the house.

When one television reporter came to view how the dis-play worked. Komarnitsky said he responded that the Web cam was broken and he was waiting for a part to be deliv-

The AP picked up the story from a local newspaper and necked out the Web site but never visited the house. Komarnitsky said some of his neighbors, who were quoted in news stories, were in on the scam. One allowed him to put a camera in a tree across the street.

"He put an extension cord that didn't go anywhere," said Marjie Hargrave, whose tree supported the camera.

Komarnitsky said he's received more than a thousand e-mails from appreciative visitors to the site.

In one, posted on his Web site Dec. 4, Komarnitsky gave advice to a woman who said her grandson had told a lie and was worried what he would get from Santa Claus. He responded: "One thing I tell my two boys (and elves) is to AL-WAYS TELL THE TRUTH."

Komarnitsky made money from advertisements posted on

He said it amounted to only "pennies" for each hit on the ads. He said he couldn't disclose the amount because of a deal with Google.
Paul McLellan, general manager of Minneapolis-based

ServiceLighting.com, which had an ad on the site, said Komarnitsky's actions were unethical.

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"Finding out he's making a buck off of something that costs us a buck, it's not very cool," McLellan said.

A spokesman for Google declined comment until officials could look into the matter further.

Leoni gives zesty performance in 'Spanglish'

BY WILLIAM BOOTH

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The Washington Post

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. e're cooling our jets at the hotel bar, awaiting Tea Leoni, who is upstairs taking her clothes

That's what the publicist says. Tea is changing. We drum our fingers, order a glass of sauvignon blanc, flip through notes.

Tea Leoni was born Elizabeth Tea Pantaleoni in 1966

Raised New York City. Daughter of a mergers and acquisitions lawyer. Park Avenue. Sarah Lawrence College. Majored in anthropology.

Dropped out; bummed around the Virgin Islands. First big break: winning an audition for a remake of the "Charlie's Angels" television series, which never got made.

We're deep into reading about her 7-iron (Golf for Women magazine) when Tea (pronounced TAY-uh) Leoni appears, wrapped in a short overcoat with an oversize silk flower on the lapel, lugging a handbag, blowing her blond

Even a little frazzled after a day being interviewed by the Hollywood Foreign Press corps, the woman glows like warm butter, as if lit by some incredibly high-end designer light bulb

Hard day at the office? "Don't start with me, buster," Leoni says

She is kind of snappy, in that 1940s Hollywood way, a blond siren who'll smoke the occasional cigar, knock back a tequila. She swears like a sailor. She is known to belch.

She flops in the chair, scans the table, waves to the hovering waiter. "We're having wine? Great idea. I'll have whatever he's having.

We begin our opening inanities. "Shhhh, shhhh." Leoni wags a finger. "Just a minute." Grab. Flip. Pound. She cradles the mini-cell. "Gotta check in with the family first." That would be husband David Duchovny, formerly of "The X-Files," and daughter West, son Miller. A moment of personal phone talk. More button punching. Voice mail. Then: "OK, shoot."

Leoni is starring in writer-director James L. Brooks' new domestic comedy-drama, "Spanglish." What is the movie about? Whew! Marriage.

Kids. Longing. The travails of a stunning and headstrong young Mexican maid and mother (Spanish actress Paz Vega as Flor) and her bright-as-a-new-penny daughter, who enter the lives of a wealthy Westside Los Angeles family, the dysfunctional Claskys, led by Adam Sandler (playing it straight) as the sweet, decent hub-dad who is a renowned chef, and his on-screen wife. Leoni, who is a

Deborah Clasky, as channeled by Leoni, is self-obsessed and oblivious; she buys her plump, size 10 daughter size 8 clothes so she'll lose weight. Deborah is vanity, she is vulnerability. The character carries SPF 70 sunblock. She does yoga. But enlightenment eludes her.

When Deb has sex with Sandler's character. John. she pretty much takes care of Deb, if you know what we mean. Deb is very good at shopping: she nests, furiously: she jogs, aggressively. It is all about Deborah. She is a screaming me-me.

Q: Your character is appalling

A: Completely.

Q: But she's real. I mean, this town is filled with Debo-

A: They're everywhere.

O: She's having a meltdown.

A: I think she's bipolar.

O: But she's hilarious



ugly, but Leoni says she relishes such juicy roles.

A: Go for it.

Q: I mean, what are we to make of Deborah?

Leoni takes a sip of white wine. "There's something about being conscious," she says. "Deborah is not conscious. She is so blinded by her self-worry, her grandiose narcissism. I don't think Deborah thinks, I'm not loving, I'm not a good mother. But she made what should be the joy in life the pain in life, you know?"

When she was making "Jurassic Park III," back in 2001,

Leoni took her daughter to the set. "We spent months running around the jungle fleeing imaginary dinosaurs," she says. But Leoni didn't want her daughter, now 5, to see her playing Mrs. Clasky. Deborah is very funny, but Deborah does not know she is funny. Because she is also scary, because she is unhinged.

"But I relate to her as a mother. The earnestness. As a mother, I get it: needing so badly to do it right. I don't see the world as a terrifying place. But Deborah does. And if her daughter has the extra pounds, she won't be able to fight. She'll be eaten alive.

To the world, Leoni is a sexy, blond, blue-eyed uber-WASP, with mile-long legs, an actress known sometimes as much for her beauty as her work. She did the TV series "The Naked Truth," and has appeared in "Bad Boys" with Will Smith and "The Family Man" with Nicolas Cage and "Deep Impact," the blockbuster about a meteor. Plus the dinosaur sequel.

We actually think she was best in David O. Russell's quirky Ben Stiller movie, "Flirting With Disaster," where Leoni got to play comedy.

"I've been here 13 years. Wait. Longer. 1988. Jesus, it's been 17 years," she says. "For a while there, people would say, 'Why don't you become a bigger star?' "She mak funny face. "Hmm. Why don't I become a bigger star?

The Hollywood dream, we offer playing the unctuous "Yeah, pffff! Like really dumb," Leoni says, "I don't re-

gret a move I've made in this town. I've worked with some phenomenal talent. I've done some projects that were very sought after, with reason. One way or the other - they were either going to be big or they were just damn good."

A cruising waiter. Leoni: "Excuse me, could we have a couple more glasses of wine?" We glug.

"But it didn't happen for me that way." she says, "and it couldn't have. I can't rest my laurels on a face or a body, or be the girl who shows up at fashion shows and premieres. I've never been that for anyone. It's not what I do.

She says, "I mean, give me a banana peel" to slip on. Which is exactly what Brooks has given her Sandler plays a romantic lead. Vega plays his love inter-

est and is, as Sandler's character confesses, "drop-dead crazy gorgeous." And Leoni? "Somebody said to me: 'What a brave performance to be

seen like that." Meaning a little puffy? "A little!" Leoni snarfles a laugh. "You're killing me. Anyway.

"It's [expletive] bawling your eyes out and a director who has the bravery to say, don't you dare touch her up. I mean, to be shown looking so horrible on camera? I couldn't have done it without that.

In a climactic scene, Leoni's nose starts running while she's crying, which her co-star, the marvelous Cloris Leachman (playing Deborah's boozy-but-wise mother), suggests she does not wipe away, saying something like, "It makes you real, honey," before Deborah confronts Sandler about his possible infidelity.

So, you're puffy-eyed, runny nose. Brooks lights you like ou were under fluorescent lights. I mean, your pores, visible. Then he switches to Paz, who is young, luminous, radiant, the girl everybody wants.

So it's like a torch being passed? Leoni says, OK, I see where this is going. She is 38, the mother of two. Striking, but no longer 21. "God bless the gals who become icons in this town. I can't imagine a more scary pedestal to fall from. I suppose in some very lonely moments in my life,

To fall? "To rise," she says. "I'm not some so-and-so taking off their makeup to do their non-makeup movie. I'm a character actor.

So this idea of being totally exposed, "this is what I want

Oshourne bares all

We've been there for many of Sharon Osbourne's most intimate moments, from her battle with colon cancer to her expletive-filled heart-to-hearts with her children to her creepy baby-talk with husband Ozzy. But it turns out the publicity-loving, soul-baring MTV matriarch still has some secrets left to spill, reports MSN.com.

First up: her continuing struggle with bulimia. "I still have it," she admits. "Ozzy knows, yes. And the kids. My God, how could they not! It's the thing that causes most arguments. We'll be at the dinner table, and I'll go off and they'll say: 'Oh, here we go again.' They hate it."

Moving on to the next revelation - her extensive nipping and tucking. "Face lift, neck, breasts. Lips, leg lifts, bum implant, tummy tuck. I've had it all and it is fab-u-lous," enthuses Osbourne, who has said the various surgeries set her back about \$250,000

"I've had so much plastic surgery, but there is only so much you can do - then you have to start accepting yourself as you are," she explains, adding that despite her low self-esteem and weight problems. Ozzv always "loved me the way I was."

Puck caters to stars

Celebrity chef Wolfgang Puck will cook up a storm at the Oscars next year, after signing on to cater the star-studded official Academy Awards banquet for the 11th time, reports Agence France-Presse.

Oscar organizers said the Austrian-born

super-chef, long a favorite of the stars who regularly cluster in his Hollywood restaurants, had again been selected for the glittering Governor's Ball.

The Ball is held immediately after the annual Academy Awards to honor all the evening's winners and nominees

"This is Hollywood's biggest night, so it's great to have the opportunity each year to create a menu that is new and exciting." said Puck.

From The Associated Press

YOUR MONEY

IT free agents' field is green

Contractors sitting pretty in the new business model

BY JANE S. HILL

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS - When Gordon Davis calls himself "a pirate in the sea of capitalism." he's not talking about plundering trade secrets. He's an information technology contractor, charting his own course in search of gold.

Changes in the way companies do business — looking to outside talent to tackle IT projects - create work for independent contractors such as Davis. As a result, more IT professionals are learning the ins and outs of con-

At CareerConnection, a Dallas-based support group for job seekers. Lisa Miller fields inquiries from firms seeking IT professionals. At least 70 percent to 80 percent of those job inquiries are for contract positions, she said.

Miller calls the contractor arrangement a "dating game," in which both company and worker are spared commitment.

She understands the value of using temporary workers for sea-

sonal employment, she said, but IT pros are not like summer lifeguards. For starters, they work on longer projects; some con-

tracts last for years. Veteran contractors such as Davis say they don't get attached to the projects or to the compa-

While working on a three-year contract at Micrografx Inc., he went in every day as if it could be his last. "I did the best job I could, but in the back of my mind I knew if they told me today was my last day. I would walk out with no disappoint-

ment." Compensation is one difference. As an hourly worker at Micrografx, Davis was paid for overtime, which made the position more lucrative for him than for some salaried employees, he said. But he had no benefits. Vacation and holiday pay, as well as sick leave, are virtually nonexistent for contractors.

In a contract position for the Federal Reserve Bank, he did remedical benefits. The



project lasted one year but was supposed to be longer, illustrating another vagary of being a con-

Just as they withhold loyalty to company, contractors also jump from one placement firm to

another as standard practice.

Davis advises contractors to stay in contact with "a dozen or more" placement firms, because when the assignment is over, there's no promise of another one waiting

Also, save money for contin-gencies, he said. "You have to see yourself as a small-business owner. Sometimes you're going to be living on the edge. A lot of people aren't prepared to do

He networks "voraciously," a requirement for any successful contractor, he said. Reading job boards alone won't get you the job, he insists.

Companies use brokers to find temporary workers for several reasons, but efficiency and legal concerns top the list

Hiring managers would rather deal with a small number of con tracting firms than sift through several thousand résumés. Also, the Fixed-Term Work Act of 2003 requires companies to treat fived-term workers equally with permanent employees in terms of pay, pensions, benefits and

other considerations. Temporary agency workers are exempt under the federal act. Contract placement firms may hire the worker directly, issuing paychecks and taking care of tax

and Social Security withholding. Other firms pay contractors as if they are self-employed, using a 1099 form, leaving the worker to pay estimated taxes and Social Security.

John Dyer, a software developer, has been working as a contractor for most of his career, 'long before it was fashionable." He advises would-be contractors to build a network of contacts in the IT industry and within their professional society. He attends local chapter meetings for the Independent Computer Consultants Association.

Get to know recruiters at sever al placement firms, check job boards and keep your skills cur-

Gordon Davis advises temporary workers to stay in touch with many placement firms. The IT contractor says he doesn't get attached to projects or firms. Of a recent assign ment he says: "I did the best job I could. but in the back of my mind I knew if they told me today was my last day. I would walk out with no disappointment."

rent, Dyer said. "You should be planning for your next job in any job, always asking yoursen, 'What's going to happen when this job ends?

Marie Guthrie, vice president in the Fort Worth, Texas, office of DBM, a human resources consulting firm, refers to IT contractors as "pioneers in the new em-ployment model" where companies have only a small core group of full-time employees and hire IT workers on a project

Down the road, she predicts, contracting firms may act as brokers for IT professionals, or agent managers will repres IT talent, much as agents in Hollywood promote actors, "Some forecasters say there will be online bidding for top talent."

From large retailers to hospitals, companies will continue to look for ways to reduce costs through improved systems, she said, requiring them to make heavy investments in technolo-

contract professionals, working as free agents, will find themselves in the "driver's seat," Guthrie said. "The upturn has al-ready started. This is a permanent change. The old model is not coming back."

MONDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

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ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

Thinking about new job?

The Associated Press As the new year dawns, plenty

of workers resolve to explore their career options, hoping to land a new job or improve the one you have. But there are several factors to consider before you mail your résumé throughout your industry, advises Right Management Consultants, a Philadelphia-based career transition

For example, you might want to think about your company, and how it ranks alongside competitors that you might apply to. So, ask yourself these questions: ■ Is your company respected

in the industry? ■ Are sales rising, or drop-

ning Is the company an innova tor, or one that's fallen behind the industry?

■ Does your company have a strategic plan, and have you read it

■ Have salaries at your company kept pace, or lagged those paid by competitors?

After mulling some of these questions, you need to consider your personal relationship with your job, said Doug Matthews, executive vice president and head of career transition services for Right Management Congultante

Is your workload in conflict with your personal life? Does the job satisfy you, or do you dread it? Is your employer using your skills wisely? Do you find yourself regularly pondering something else - a new industry, new job tasks, a smaller company or a role that's less demand

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7 stabbed at party

OH AKRON — Seven peo ple were stabbed in a fight at a birthday party for a 2-year-old girl, and police said they charged two men with assault.

The little girl was no hurt, police said. The victims of the

melee were hospitalized and at least one victim required surgery, said police Terry Hudnall. Sgt

Tam T. Nguyen, 25, and Vi Tran, 35, were charged. Nguyen was jailed and Tran was being treated at a hospital for injuries he suffered in the fight Hudnall said He said he anticipated more charges would be filed

Police called to the party said they found men and women with severe knife wounds, some of them possibly life threatening.

Lottery winnings disputed

RI CRANSTON — The state been added to a lawsuit that claims prize money should have been withheld from a man who owes child support

Cranston's Paula Duffy is owed about \$40,000 in child support.

She originally filed suit against Lincoln Park and amended the complaint to also include the Lottery Commission as a defendant. Duffy claims Frank Bianco, the

father of her son, won at least \$3,200 on Sept. 12 at Lincoln Park and more on other occasions. The lawsuit seeks to have Lin-

coln Park or the Lottery Commission pay Duffy the \$40,000 she's owed for child support.

Abortion doctor arrested

MIRAMAR — A doctor whose license was revoked for botching abortions, including leaving fetus parts inside a patient, was arrested on charges he continued to perform the procedures.

Robelto A. Osborne, 44, turned himself in to police and was released on bond. He was charged with performing medicine without a license, a third-degree felony.

His medical license was revoked in August after state regulators determined he failed to perform necessary preoperative procedures, did not treat a severe uterine perforation and did not return calls to his emergency phone line.

Wanted: snow

WY JACKSON — Pray for snow.

It may sound lighthearted, but Jackson Hole congregations have been doing just that - and the Rev. David Bott of Redeemer Lutheran Church points to some very white results a couple weeks ago.

"But now they're wondering if it's beginner's luck," he said. Little snow has fallen on the val-

ley over the past two weeks, prompting resorts like Snow King to crank up their snowmaking machinery to keep the slopes well-dressed.

Paul Hayden, minister at Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole. said he has been praying fervently for precipitation.

"Theologically, we're called to be stewards of the earth, and this is a real stewardship issue," he said. "It's not just a fun issue."



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Grinches foiled

MS COLUMBUS — It wasn't tough for police to thwart two would-be Grinches — they just followed the telltale trail of wrapping paper

Two unidentified boys, ages 14 and 12, were charged with burglary after they were accused of stealing Christmas presents from a

family home, police said. Authorities say Stanley Adams discovered someone had broken into his Columbus home late Friday. Two juveniles who lived nearby were suspected.

Police followed a trail of paper, ribbons and gift tags that led them to one of the boys' houses. One boy told authorities that he stole the presents. The gifts - which included an E-Z Bake oven, a set of Legos and a Pac-Man video game were returned.

One Inmate's charity

HONOLULU — The state Supreme Court has suspended state Rep. Alex Sonson from practicing law for three months because of numerous ethics violations from 1999 to 2002, officials announced Monday.

In a statement released late Monday, Sonson said he takes full responsibility for his actions and will cooperate fully with the decision.



Real horsepower

Tim Tong rides a horse into downtown Juneau. Alaska, from the Mendenhall Valley. Tong is a horse trainer who moved to Juneau to work and be with his family after leaving the Air Force, in which he served in Irag.

The court's Office of Disciplinary Counsel said Sonson misappropriated a client's commingled money. personal funds with other money, mislabeled his trust and business accounts and falsely submitted documents stating he was in compliance with state rules of conduct. His suspension begins Jan. 19.

"I would also like to apologize to my clients and to my constituents for these errors," said Sonson, D-Pearl City-Waipahu, who won re-election to his second term in office last month.

"I want to assure them that it will not happen again."

One person's trash ...

OR EUGENE — Turns out there's quite a collector's market for 100-year-old glass electric insulators.

One such item, purchased for peanuts at a garage sale, netted \$10,313 on eBay recently. It's not diamond-encrusted, it wasn't owned by a celebrity and there's no vision of the Virgin Mary involved here

Phil Unrine and Jeanie Ouimby came up with two of the insulators, one ceramic, one glass, for \$5 for the pair.

Quimby thought she could make a buck - posting the glass model with a starting price of \$5.99.

Just a few hours later, she checked to see how it was doing and found 10 urgent messages from collectors, telling her that the glass insulator dated to the 1890s, was extraordinarily rare and listed in price guides at up to \$10,000. "I about freaked out" said Quim-

by, 55. "I couldn't talk."

The winning bid of \$10,313 came from a man in Helena, Mont.

"This particular piece, I would guess that there are fewer than 12 of them that have been found to date," said John McDougald of Sedona, Ariz., who has published insulator price guides and reference

Belting the kids in

NH EXETER — A regional school board that represents six area towns is considering seat belts on school buses. If the policy is adopted, it would represent a first among the state's public schools. The board is reviewing the cost after several parents sought seat belts.

We teach our children from day one to buckle up," Jaye Jen-nings Garnett said. "And then we put them on a school bus without one?

Once the cost is known, the board plans to put the issue before voters

Ouestionable finances

FL TALLAHASSEE — Florida could award a \$700 million private contract despite a lack of evidence that it will save more money than keeping the work within a state agency, according to a group that evaluated the options. The contract would cover those who decide residents' eligibility for food stamps, welfare assistance and Medicaid.

Taxpayers are expected to save \$69.2 million a year under both the outsourced and in-house models.



Worshipers sing "Silent Quiet holiday celebration Night" during a candlelight service at the First Presbyterian Church in Dodge City, Kan.



An understatement

Ice forms on a street sign on Coldstream in Danville, Ky.



Not where the water belongs Marvin Tyner, office manager of a water bottling company in Augusta, Ga., sweeps water off the roof of the business.



This 2-year-old, 145-pound St. Bernard Christmas helper named Harrison shows his Christmas spirit as he waits in the truck of his owner. Randy Davis, while running errands recently in Ottumwa, Iowa.



A construction worker appears to be climbing to the moon as he makes his way up a form 60 feet above the ground at a construction site in Daytona Beach, Fla.



Newborns from left, Karen Granados, 4 days old: Kennedy Mae O'Neill, 3 Holiday deliveries days old; Diego Novoa, 1 day old; Victoria Irizarry, 1 day old; Luke Harrison Insana, 3 days old; Spencer Bennett Kerr, 1 day old; and Trinity Belle Analambidakis, 4 days old, pose for a photo at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge. Mass.

Flip-flop on the rails

MO KANSAS CITY — Plans to create a rail museum at historic Union Station by early next year have been pared down. Six months ago. Union Station's board voted to pay a Milwaukee collector \$650,000 for 11 antique rail cars and a collection of railroad memorabilia. Now the station seeks to fix five of the rail cars for tours at the museum and sell the others.

Museum work begins

VA FREDERICKSBURG — Work crews began clearing land for construction of the U.S. National Slavery Museum.

Scores of trees were removed from the 38-acre site near Interstate 95 Eight to nine acres need to be cleared as the first step in building the museum. Museum officials have said the

facility will open in February 2007. The founder of the museum is former Gov. L. Douglas Wilder. The grandson of slaves and the nation's first elected black governor, Wilder has said the idea was horn during his visit to Goree Island in West Africa.

Plane crash kills 2

WI HOWARDS GROVE — A single-engine plane whose pilot reported smoke in the cockpit crashed in a hayfield, killing both people on board, officials said.

Witnesses told investigators the plane's engine was not running when it struck some treetons flipped and crashed on its back in eastern Wisconsin near Lake Michigan, sheriff's Sgt. Doug Tuttle

The pilot of the 1964 Beech Bonanza took off from Manitowoc, about 20 miles north of the crash site, and was heading to Lockport in northern Illinois said Tony Molinaro, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration.

Big shoes to fill

PA PHILADELPHIA — The city's managing director, who oversees 13 agencies and runs the city government's day-to-day affairs, said he will leave his job by early spring. "I'm going to be 60 in April, and it's a tough job for a 60-year-old, and I've got a life to live," Philip Goldsmith said. The managing director's job is one of several top positions Mayor John Street must fill.

Law change works

METAIRIE — Officers have issued a third fewer speeding tickets on the bridge across Lake Pontchartrain since October, when the speed limit was raised from 55 mph to 65 mph. Officials with the Causeway Commission, which oversees the bridge, said more motorists are obeying the new limits. About 900 speeders were caught in August: 595 were ticketed in November.

Accused coach dead

CO CASTLE ROCK — A girls basketball coach charged with having sex with three of his underage players was found dead in his jail cell of an apparent sui-

Rick Lopez, 37, former coach of the Colorado Hoopsters, was dis-covered hanging Sunday in a cell he had to himself at the Douglas County Detention Facility, police said. A note was found nearby, but officials would not discuss its contents

Lopez was charged in August with 59 counts of sexual assault and child abuse. He had an arraignment hearing scheduled for Feb.

Prosecutors said Lopez admitted having sexual relationships with three former players in the travel-ing girls basketball club, beginning when they were 13 or 14 years old. Other players have also accused him of making sexual advances toward them.

Shipping port study

MI ESCANABA — Few physical barriers would prevent the creation of a deep-water Lake Michigan shipping port, a recent study found. The study shows infrastructure requirements such as railways, utilities and electricity are all in place to accommodate a deen-water port in Escapaba Two companies interested in investing in the project have submitted proposals to the city.

Gay cops settle

CA LOS ANGELES — The city has tentatively agreed to pay \$650,000 to settle lawsuits pay \$650,000 to settle lawsuits filed by two gay police officers who claim they were discriminated against because of their sexual orientation. If ratified by the City Council, the settlements would boost to nearly \$3 million the city's payouts to eight gay officers.

HELENA - Half of the vot-

School funds needed

ers questioned in a statewide poll say Montana's public schools lack money to provide a quality education. The poll found most voters want to fill the gap by cutting other government spending and not by raising taxes. The telephone poll commissioned by Lee Newspapers of Montana surveyed 625 registered voters statewide. School funding is likely to be the top issue in the upcoming legislative session.

Threat lands man in jail

EL PASO — A man who pleaded guilty to threatening to destroy the El Paso Islamic Center has been sentenced to 18 months in federal prison. In addition, U.S. District Judge

Frank Montalyo ordered Jared Bjarnason, 30, to complete 150 hours of community service. "There are no idle threats in the

post 9/11 world," U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton said. Bjarnason admitted to sending an e-mail message to the center in April threatening to burn down the center's mosque if hostages held in Iraq were not released within three days.

Interpreting immunity

BURLINGTON — Advo-cates for Vermont's growing number of foreign language interpreters say the workers need legal protection so they won't have to testify in court about their jobs.

Sylvia Delcastillo-Alzamora, a Spanish-English translator, says testifying about her work would be betraying the ethics of the profession

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Columnist misses point

Jack Kelly's column "In Kuwait, Rums feld didn't let his Guard down" (Dec. 13), misses the point of the troops' complaints completely, and accepts without question administration excuses. On the same day on another page of Stars and Stripes, we read that the provider of up-armored Humvees can actually make 100 more of them a month.

If Kelly was not a partisan hack, he could ask questions like: Why has the Pentagon not contracted with Armor Holdings Inc. to work at full capacity? Is this one company the only one in the Unit ed States capable of making M1114s? If we are in a state of war, why has the government not acted like every wartime government in our nation's history and stepped in to coordinate our industries for wartime purposes?

Instead, Kelly argues that the Army is built to "fight the Soviets on the plains of Europe." Anyone who has picked up a newspaper or watched a Pentagon news conference in the last decade knows that this is no longer true. Low-level conflict has been regarded as the "next war" for at least a decade. That is why the Penta gon developed the Stryker and fought to kill the Crusader. This is what Donald Rumsfeld's "transformation" was all about.

In a sense Rumsfeld was right when he said that "you go to war with the Army you have." However, the Army we have in Iraq is a result of the failure to plan at the highest levels. Dismissing intelligence reports to the contrary, Rumsfeld and company went to war under the impression that Iragis would welcome their occupiers with flowers and smiles. This is the real reason we were not prepared

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for the insurgency - dismissing diverging views, the Pentagon refused to accept there would be one.

The fact that not everything possible has been done to deal with the shortages (half-efforts to increase production and leaving behind armor when deploying) suggests decision-makers were holding on to the fantasy that the insurgency is a passing phase and always "on its last legs."

This is what the soldiers in Kuwait knew and complained about, and this is what the people responsible must answer for

> Marcin Daniluk Baghdad

Poor armored vehicles policy

I would like to address the recent publicity regarding the lack of armored vehicles in Irag. I have served in Irag for the last year. When we came north, we drove from Kuwait to Baghdad without a single armored vehicle. We pieced together sheets of metal to provide the best protection possible, but all knew that it would do little good.

My company does at least weekly convoys between Taji and Baghdad, and still we have only managed to get a couple of armored trucks to help support those convoys. We have driven enough miles to go back and forth to Kuwait at least 20 times, if not more. During that time, we have been shot at, had roadside bombs go off on us and faced every other type of danger. And yet armor was not a major issue.

Now that my year here in Iraq is over and I am trying to go home, I am being told that we can't drive to Kuwait because we don't have armored vehicles. I am also told that it will take a while to get enough trucks to line-haul everything south. Don't get me wrong - the line-haul trucks have saved my butt a few times, but it infuriates me to he told that, after risking my life countless times on the road to attend meetings and other events, I can't risk it one more time to go home and finally be away from danger.

I can understand that soldiers don't want to enter Iraq without armor. They are right; it's dangerous. But ask anyone who has been here for a while, and none of them will complain. We have done our time and faced our danger. Don't hold up more troops from going home just because a soldier wants to complain about a shortage of armor that has existed here for two years. Stop your whining and do your job.

Sgt. Troy Ward Camp Cooke, Iraq

Avoid homeland security 'empty shell'

omeyer President Bush choos es as his next nominee to head the Department of Homeland Security would be well-advised to take a look at a spine-tingling new chart before accepting the job. The chart too large to reprint here but available for viewing at www.hsc.house.gov - depicts the intricate web of congressional committees and subcommittees with oversight authority for the gargantuan department.

There are 79 such panels; every single

senator and at least 412 of the 435 House members have some degree of responsibility for homeland security operations. By contrast, the Defense Department, with a budget 10 times that of DHS, reports to "just" 36 committees and subcommittees

From the perspective of national security. this fragmented, dysfunctional structure is

sheer lunacy. Department officials spend too much time responding to their many congressional masters; last year alone, accordhe and other top department officials testified 145 times before various committees and subcommittees. Moreover, such balkanized oversight is less effective rather than more so, because members of Congress suffer from parochial viewpoints influenced by their individual committee assignments and fail to develop a broad overview of homeland security priorities.

The point of creating the department out of the existing bureaucracy was to improve the ability to coordinate responses to terror-ism. Yet turf is power, and lawmakers ... have been unwilling to make parallel changes in their own organization. .

The House of Representatives has a chance to fix this mess - at least its end of it - but it's facing opposition to meaningful change from committee chairmen who don't want to yield any slice of their jurisdiction. The Senate has already done a fig-leaf version of reform, renaming the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee to nut "Homeing responsibility for critical homeland security issues such as border control and aviation security in other committees. In the House, members will vote next week on a plan to make permanent the House Select Committee on Homeland Security, as Speaker J. Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., has advocated What's still being furiously negotiated is whether to give the panel the power it has lacked over issues including maritime security, transportation security and immigra-tion enforcement - in other words, to make it a fully functioning homeland security committee. ...
"It would be worse than an empty shell to

have a homeland security committee with jurisdiction that's shared with everyone else," says the committee's chairman, Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif. The question before his colleagues, he says, is simple: "Is this a political exercise to make chairmen happy, or is this a historic opportunity to funentally reshape the committee structure to address homeland security?

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By GARRY TRUDEAU

OPINION

Some Iraqis defy insurgents to seek peace

BY FRED HIATT The Washington Post

eturning to Washington from Baghdad this month for home leave gave A. Heather Coyne a shock. In Iraq, as chief representative of the U.S. Institute of Peace, Coyne spends her days working with that country's emerging civil society. Back home, she finds Americans astonished to hear there is an emerging civil society - that Iraqis remain involved with rebuilding their country despite all the explosions and killings.

No, this is not a "good news" story. To the contrary, Coyne's experience confirms the deterioration of conditions in Iraq. She is confined, for security reasons, to Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone. Her Iraqi colleagues for the most part dare not visit her there, because terrorists are always watching those who come and go

Communication is by phone and e-mail. Recently the institute held a workshop on conflict resolution in Sulaymaniyah, in the relatively peaceful Kurdish north, because the capital is too dangerous. One participant was a Mosul professor who lectures with 10 armed bodyguards in his classroom.

The insurgents, in other words, are succeeding, not only in killing and wounding Iragis and Americans but in impeding Iragis ability to rebuild their country and to interact with one another and foreigners

They're blocking precisely the kinds of in teraction a society needs to begin recovering from decades of dictatorship. Worse: The vi olence is exacerbating sectarian tensions, as the insurgents also intend. So far a remarkable feature of the war has been Kurdish and, especially, Shiite restraint in the face of provocation from Sunni terrorists. But Phebe Marr, a senior fellow at the Institute of Peace who also recently returned from Iraq, says the sectarian-based anger is worse than she's ever seen.

Yet what strikes Covne is not the bad news - maybe because she's living in the middle of it — but the fortitude and persistence in the face of attacks of the Iragis she works with. The Mosul professor keeps teaching. One local leader called the day after he had been shot three times whether the institute had accepted the people he had recommended to take part in a seminar. Another, whose house was torched. got in touch to make sure Coyne had his new telephone number

"Yes, they complain" about conditions, Coyne said. But she finds a surfeit of Iraqis who still want to learn what the institute has to teach - about how to peacefully manage religious and sectarian conflict, for example - and are willing to drive 11 or 12 hours through multiple dangerous checkpoints to get books and practical advice and lessons from other Iraqis

To the families of American soldiers who are dying or at risk, there may be little comfort in knowing that Iraqis also are dying and putting themselves at risk. It may help only a bit more to realize that so many of them are committed to making democracy and tolerance work and that their success would be not only the just outcome but in the U.S. national interest, too. Yet the courage of these ordinary Iraqis is extraordinary

It doesn't mean, of course, that they'll win.



Iraqis Ahmed and Omar, right, check damage done to their neighbor's Baghdad home last week. A mortar had landed the night before, killing one person and injuring another.

The insurgents are testing the will of Americans and Iraqis alike; if U.S. and Iraqi forces cannot provide some measure of safety for election observers and college professors and women's rights campaigners, it won't matter that a majority of Iraqis want the insurgents to fail

What is remarkable, though, is that despite the mistakes of the U.S. occupation, and despite the ruthlessness and brutality of the terrorists, so many Iragis continue to stand up on the other side.

Coyne recently interviewed applicants for Fulbright grants, smart Iraqis willing to risk an association with a U.S. program because they dream of starting an Internet site, or a government watchdog organization, or a public health project. And when they're asked why they take the risk, they invariably answer, "Because it wasn't possible before,

One applicant was a young Kurdish man who graduated at the top of his high school class but, in Saddam Hussein's Iraq, was not permitted to go to university. He is coming forward now, he told Coyne, "because this is my first best chance." She paused and added, "And maybe his last best chance."

Fred Hiatt is editor of The Post's editorial page

As world advances, Castro off on his own island

BY MARCELA SANCHEZ

The Washington Post

y mom arrived early for Christmas this year - three weeks ahead of time, in fact. Her visit is something of a holiday ritual, and while it and the nature of mother-daugh ter dynamics do elicit some tension in our home, I'm grateful she is here.

I'm even more thankful when I consider how petty my concerns seem in comparison with those of people who cannot be with loved ones this season, separated as they are by distance, commitments and even by the whims of a tyrant.

Hilda Molina was one of Cuba's leading brain surgeons when she turned against the Cuban government in 1995, accusing it of trying to make a business of selling fetal brain tissue to foreigners suffering from Parkinson's disease. Molina resigned her seat in parliament and her membership in the Communist Party in protest. For nearly a decade she has vainly requested permission to visit her son and his family in Argentina, which has no travel restrictions to and from Cuba

Gloria Amaya is the mother of Miguel Ariel and Guido Sigler Amaya, three of the now-famous 75 peaceful pro-democracy ac tivists whose arrest and sentencing 20 months ago by the Castro government provoked the ire of the world. The brothers were charged with undermining "the Cuban socio-political project" by running an independent medical facility out of one of their homes. Because they dared treat the poor of a small town in Cuba with drugs manufactured in the United Sates Fidel Castro keens them in iail and their families apart.

There has been no lack of international sol idarity shown to those like the Molina and Amaya families. And both the hard-line and what is sometimes called soft diplomatic strategies employed by the international Fidel Castro - but not the kind that have significantly mitigated the plight of Cuban dissi-

Argentine President Nestor Kirchner would like to believe that a policy of engage ment is the way to soften Castro. Early this vear, when the United Nations voted to censure Castro for his dreadful human rights record. Argentina abstained.

But when the opportunity came to cash in on the soft approach, Castro did not respond in kind. Despite diplomatic efforts that included a personal letter from Kirchner asking Castro for a simple "humanitarian gesture," to let Molina visit her son and meet her Argentinean grandchildren, Castro refused. According to Molina, an immigration officer told her she couldn't leave Cuba because her "brain is a national patrimony."

Washington rejects soft diplomacy, of course. Those who attempt to engage Castro run the risk of "humiliating themselves" or appearing "complicit" in Castro's abusive regime, said Roger Noriega, assistant secre-tary of state for the Western Hemisphere.

If the State Department thought there was a remote chance for a compromise, a U.S. official said last week, it would try it. But Castro leaves the Bush administration no option but the hard line. The result is a virtual stalemate that has put Washington in the unfortu nate position of keeping or strengthening harsh policies - including new travel restrictions to the island that also keep families apart this holiday season

Tragically, this is the nature of policy with a tyrant. Unable to deal substantively with Castro, foreign leaders are constantly pushed to the fringes, so far away from any truly effective interaction or policy-making that what does occur borders on absurdity.

Most recently, Washington and Havana have been engaged in a battle over Christmas lights. The head of the U.S. Interests Section in Havana, James Cason, has decked the grounds with a flashy display that includes a snowman, a Santa Claus and a huge number 75, a not-so-subtle reminder of the most recent victims of Castro's repres sion. Castro retaliated by placing billboards near the Interests Section with images of Abu Ghraib, swastikas and a "Made in the USA" sign.

In the most absurd of outcomes. Argentina opted not to recall its ambassador to Cuba for consultations on the best way to re-pudiate Castro's inflexibility over Molina. In-stead, Kirchner fired the ambassador and

the foreign ministry's chief of staff.

Molina, Amaya and their loved ones are pawns in a game that Castro has had more than four decades to master. Their stories and the stories of those who intend to help them remind us that there remains within our midst a type of injustice we seem impo-tent to confront.

Mallard Fillmore



J Horoscope

Mars and Uranus are having a parent-teacher conference, and they're clearly not on the same page when it comes to how we humans should be properly **Holiday Mathis** disciplined Are we to learn from our mistakes, or is it better if we avoid the mistakes altogether? Both

routes will be tempting. One

thing is certain: The lesson is learned either way TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (December 30). You know your place in the world this year - go to it! This winter, your compassion and generosity will be rewarded by a sweet, transformative love. Spring is reflective, and by May, you'll emerge from your cocoon to accept the applause that is

due you. Your year ends on a surprising note - maybe a trip abroad? Love signs are Aries and Cancer. ARIES (March 21-April 19).

An end-of-the-year rebellion is featured. Do what you must to get it out of your system. You're the one who must deliver an important message. Cut to the quick so every one can move on the info as quickly as possible

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). U2 said it best: Some days slip through your fingers and onto the floor. Forget about tackling your in-box today, unless you can get to it before the rooster crows. Goofing off is the order of the day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've got the holiday spirit. Gregarious and outgoing, you schmooze with the best of 'em at whatever gathering you attend - and there are choices! Cozy up to a VIP, and pitch your latest idea

CANCER (June 22-July 22), Be kind to yourself, little crab. You are susceptible to bouts of blueness this time of year, when the sun is in the sign opposite your own. Don't push too hard. Gather your strength. Your time is coming.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Finances are looking up. Delays and restrictions have been the norm for the past few weeks, but those checks

you've been expecting finally come in. A tardy holiday gift could find its

way to your doorstep, too. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Lately, you've been the victim of a

slowly accumulating sluggishness,

and now is your chance to succumb to it. Be mellow and aimless - it works for vou. You'll have terrific luck wandering the mall and the end-of-the-year

> LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Yester day's pleasant vibe continues, making you cheerful, sociable and not very likely to get a whole lot of work done. If you must go

Start

into the office today, make use of your time by cleaning out your desk

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You glean insight into what lesson it is you most need to learn in this lifetime. Hint: It has something to do with your parents. Psychic vibes are hot, too. Divination techniques like I Ching or tarot can help narrow your

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your brilliance sparkles like congratulatory champagne. Pat yourself on the back, and take time before the new year to reflect on all that has changed in your life in the past 12 months. Enjoy the view from the top

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It doesn't matter right now if

you don't know exactly where you're headed, as long as you keep moving in the right direction. Signs are everywhere, lighting your path like fireflies in the dark. I ook for them

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Anger is healthy when you channel it constructively. Search the Internet for a new job e-mail your congressman, hit the gym, or burn a compilation CD for the person you'd like to kiss on New Year's Eve.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Swimming against the current may be fine for spawning salmon, but why do it if you don't have to? Incredible possibilities arise when you stop struggling. Accept whatever comes your way, and then, take appropriate

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SUCCESSFULLY LIFTED MY SPIRITS? Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals Q

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Finding love at funeral not rare

Dear Abby: I just finished reading the letter from "J.H. in Vonkers" who fell in love on a trip to a friend's funeral. I agree with you, Abby, it's a great story

J

Mine is similar. I dated Mike for 2½ years and then we broke up. For eight months I couldn't forget him. On a whim, I called his mom during one of the many Midwestern

blizzards of 1979 She told me her mother had died and the visitation was the next night. I made it through the snowdrifts to the visitation the only non-family membecause of the weath er. Mike invited me to the house afterward.

The next day, I met him in the church parking lot, where he told me guiltily he had whistled all the way to his grandmother's funeral because he knew I'd be there! We knew we were meant to be together and we were convinced his grandmother had a hand in it.

If we can believe that there are

believe someone was looking ou for J.H. and her love. Mike and I will celebrate our 25th anniversary in a few months.

- Ruth in Rock Island, Ill. Dear Ruth: Your letter gave me goose bumps. Thank you for sharing your beautiful

Dear Abby story. Read on:

> Dear Abby: My narents met at a fimeral 80 years ago

My mother, who always hated funerals, went because the deceased had been a close friend of her

mother's. After the service, Mom was very impressed by a tall, handsome, older man she met.

The rest is history - Esther in Kenmore, N.Y. Dear Esther: Which proves that sometimes an ending can

also be a beginning.

Dear Abby: My father died on Dec. 19 the year I turned 20. had four younger brothers and sisters. Our family was devastated that Christmas. All the neighbors knew about it and were very

A girl up the street invited my two sisters and me to her birth day party on Jan. 11. She said if we didn't come she would come and get us.

The girl who was giving the party had a younger brother who had asked his best friend, "Jim," to the party. Jim and I started dating that week. We knew by summer that we would marry and were engaged the

next year. On Oct. 22, we celebrated our 27th wedding anniversary.

When people ask how we met, I am not reluctant to tell them. I had never dated anyone before I met Jim — so I say that Jim was sent from heaven.

 Maureen in Toronto
Dear Maureen: And I believe it. Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should b addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 694 Los Angeles CA 90069, Readers can w Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers of to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/deara Universal Press Syndicate

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

Unscramble these four Jumbles. one letter to each square to form four ordinary words **ECKER**

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon. Answer: A

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Put cluttered keepsakes in storage

Dear Annie: I married my husband, a widower after we had known each other for five years. I thought I knew what I was getting into, but I was silly.

We are living in the home my husband has been in for over 30 years and the place he is unlikely ever to leave. Six years ago, his daughter, "Tina," quit school and left home. Her bedroom was

waist-deep in a terrible mess that took me months to clean. Her things now are stored in our house. Also, Tina's mother died 12 years ago, and many of her items were kept for Tina. In fact, nearly all the storage in the house is filled with things belong ing either to Tina or her mother.

Tina wrote me a letter, saying she did not want any of these things and to give them away She is building a small home, and although I'm not sure it will have any space for this mass of items. I am reluctant to assume



she won't want them in the future. I suspect she will someday

change her mind. I want to get the things that belong to my stepdaughter and her mother out of the house. It annovs me to have them stored in every nook and cranny We even have his late wife's wedding dress

even though Tina says she never will want it. I feel like a tenant in this

house. Please help. - The Newer Wife

Dear New Wife: You've been auite patient with Tina, but since you are reluctant to part with these things, perhaps you can put them in a storage facility so your home is no longer a warehouse. When Tina's house is finished, go through these things again with her. If she still wants nothing, by all means, give her mother's keepsakes to someone in the family who would value them and the rest to a worthy charity

Dear Annie: I read the letter

from "Disappointed in the South," complaining about parents who don't come to their children's school functions or pick them up on time. She hit the nail on the head.

My husband is a band director. He always has to stay at least an hour after every event, waiting for parents. His solution is to call the police if the parents are more than 30 minutes late. It certainly has stopped the parents from being lazy.

- Tired of It Dear Tired: We don't think the police would be thrilled about this, so we'll make a different sugges tion. Parents should be informed that if they are more than 30 minutes late picking up their child from a school event, they will be fined and the money will be used to buy school supplies.

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Annie's Malibox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers Column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmalibox/gloomeast.net, or write to: Annie's Malibox, c/o Creators Syncates, 577 W. Century Bluck, Sulter 700, Los Angeles, CA 50048.

Family Circus



"I wish I had an elf who could get in there and dust."

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31	GOLF	Deutsche Bank O Tiger Woods tops th	pen Highlights as 2002 field	●U.S. Open Golf Hi	ghlights	PGA Champions	hip Highlights	•Equipping a Tiger	•What's in the Bag?	Funai Classic Hig Woods	ghlights Tiger	NEC Invitational lights of the 2001 N	Highlights High- EC Invitational
32	TLC	Clean Sweep A ma computers and a hu need help. (CC)	n and wife with six	In a Fix "Aquaworld Mark has been too i to finish his own hor	ousy helping others	Overhaulin' "Twins Chevy Bel Air.	Bel Air' A 1962			s between bank robb	ers and police offi-	Overhaulin' "Twins Chevy Bel Air.	
34	TOON		Dexter's Laborato- ry	Codename: Kids Next Door	Justice League	Powerpuff Girls!	Cartoon Cartoon C	Cartoon shorts.	Looney Tunes	I Am Weasel	What a Cartoon Show	Scooby-Doo, When	e Are You!
35	ANPL	The Crocodile Hun for some of Africa's snakes. (CC)	ter Steve searches most poisonous	Most Extreme "Sup vs. human senses. (er Senses" Animal CC)	Amazing Animal V tans save a moose; with a Christmas tre	ideos Good Samari- polar bears swim se. (CC)	Pet Star Dancing d brainy bird.	og; reading pooch;	Animal Cops Hous wanted" Dying pupp rots. (CC)	nies; neglected par-	Amazing Animal V tans save a moose; with a Christmas tre	polar bears swim
36	сом	Shorties Todd Bar- ry. (CC)	Strangers With Candy Jerri wants to be queen. (CC)	Billy Connolly. (CC)			Crank Yankers (CC)	cope with Halloween mayhem. (CC)	Chef. (CC)	Drawn Together The housemates rebel. (CC)	Shorties Watchin' Shorties (N) (CC)	The Daily Show Katie Couric. (N) (CC)	Drawn Together The housemates rebel. (CC)
40	NGC-A	Riddles of the Dea Skeletons found in f Lake.	rozen Roopkund	New kinds of snakes sought.	"Toxic Crocs" Croc- odile survival.	are designed to sta		Secret China The washes away an an along the Yangtze.	cient way of life	Norway's Hidden S		Built for Destruction lightning has cause throughout the work	d death and damag d.
42	SPIKE	World's Wildest Po		CSI: Crime Scene I rick investigates a d	rive-by shooting.	CSI: Crime Scene investigators battle	the clock.	MXC (N)	MXC	Hey! Spring of Trivia (N)	MXC	Explorers"	MXC
43	FOX	Remington Steele Laura and Remingto million embezzleme	on investigate a \$1 nt. (CC)	St. Elsewhere Morr a friend's daughter i dialysis. (CC)	s refused access to	The O.C. Secrets a change the Cohen to (CC)	family forever. (N)	North Shore *Catw when a fashion des injured. (N) (CC)	igner's top model is	(CC)	ith Shepard Smith	Show Jerry wants a new motorcycle.	The Bob Newhar Show Bob sees a psychologist.
44	BET	106 & Park: Holida	y Hook-Up AJ & Fre	e play Santa. (N)	BET Style "Fat Al- bert."	The Parkers (CC)	Girlfriends (CC)	Soul Food "This Cr Bird held hostage. (azy Life" Lem and CC)	Club Comic View !	Michael Bonner.	BET Nightly News (CC)	BET Style
46	COURT	NYPD Blue "Lucky I woman believes her victim of foul play. (C	twin sister to be the CC)	Cops "Coast to Coast" Attempted bicycle theft. (CC)	Cops "Coast to Coast" Son dam- ages her home.	The Investigators on man uses fema extort more than \$1	'Love Connection' A le bank managers to million.	Forensic Files Missing mail-order bride.	Body of Evidence: From the Case Files	The Investigators ' Against All Odds'	'Las Vegas CSU:	Hollywood Heat "Year End Special" (N)	Hollywood Justin Lawsuits target and tress.
48	STR-WLD	(CC)	The Drew Carey Show (CC)	Asia	Friends (CC)	Smallville (CC)		Chronicle: News F		My Big Fat Obnox		Friends (CC)	Smallville (CC)
50	LIFE	Blanche's daughter wants a baby.	The Golden Girls Rose returns to the work force.		in gets a second cha	ince to rethink a fate	ful decision. (CC)	A policewoman prol	bes an intant's Christ	Hope, Hugh Thomps mastime kidnapping.	(CC)	The Nanny Fran's cousin dashes her hopes. (CC)	The Golden Girls Sophia may move to California. (CC)
51	ABCFAM	Peter and his dog to center. (CC)	visit a drug rehab	7th Heaven The Ca. Christmas spirit in Id ing gifts. (CC)		_	n's The Five People ' d ones take a dead m					The 700 Club (CC)	
53	HIST	The Weapons That mor" Knights in arm	or. (CC)	Modern Marvels "R play a vital role as th tion. (CC)	ne backbone of avia-	Modern Marvels "S Potato chips; candy zels. (N) (CC)	bars; Twinkies; pret-	shape the lives of the	nose who come unde	treme weather and it r Alaska's spell. (CC		Modern Marvels "The Alaskan highwidiers to build. (CC)	ay takes 11,000 sol-
57	STR-MV	(5:30) ** "Our Lip (2000, Adventure) N Ashley Olsen, Jim N	Neskimen.	frey Tambor, Christin Whoville.		Grinch plots to ruin	Christmas in	Natascha McElhone ters his late wife on		osychologist encoun-	Lawrence Taylor, M warden's amuseme		mates fight for their
58	ADV 1	(5:30) Extreme Lives: My Right Foot	Total Adventure "Canyoning Bor- neo" Low's Gully.	Australia.	River Caves of Me passage to a river g Mayan jungle.	orge deep in the	Different Ball Game Log relay race.	Fantastic Voyage	Video Diary	Extreme Lives: My		Next Wave Sea sponges might fight cancer.	Different Ball Game Log relay race.
59	MTV	Boiling Points	Boiling Points	Viva La Bam	Viva La Bam	Viva La Bam Rock stars.	ny Knoxville.	find his place.	The Real World "Philadelphia" (CC)	The Real World Flaunting frater- nization rules. (CC)	The Real World Sarah's family vis- its. (CC)	MTV Cribs Snoop Dogg; Chingy.	MTV Cribs Lif Wayne.
60	NICK	Juice "Rugrats/Sponge- Bob SquarePants"	Juice "The Wild Thomberrys"	Juice "CatDog/The Angry Beavers"	Juice "As Told By Ginger"	Scaredy Camp Ghost sleuths' final challenge.	SpongeBob SquarePants (CC)	SLAM: Speed Rac Zim	er X and Invader	The Brothers Gar- cia (CC)	Cousin Skeeter (CC)	Figure It Out	Legends of the Hidden Temple

JAPAN TV

Morning
6:45 Between the Lions (3)
8:00 Disney (12)
Afternoon
1:20 Overseas Drama: Kajsas Ko (3)
1:30 Golf; Big Four Players — Tiger Woods,
Annika Sorenstam, etc. (12)
5:00 Tokyo Bay Super Cup Soccer (42)
Fvening

Evening
605 Grand Sumo 2004 Highlights (1)
605 Grand Sumo 2004 Highlights (1)
630 News (6)
61)
900 2004 Athers Olympics Highlights (3)(r)
1265 Japan Senior High School Boys' Soccer
2005 Grand Music: NHK Symphony Orches

(4)
1:20 Classical Music: NHK Symphony Orches-tra — Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 in D Minor (Choral) (conductor: Krzysztof Penderecki)(1) Penderecki)(1) 2:05 U.S. Movie (2001): See Spot Run /U.S. Movie (1998): Paulie (4)

JAPAN TV-BS7

Morning 6:10 Athens Olympics Best Selections: Wres-

6:10 Athers Olympics Best Selections: Wres-tling
7:10 Athers Olympics Best Selections: Base-8:10 Athers Olympics Best Selections: Track and Field
9:10 Athers Olympics Best Selections: Rhyth-mic Gymnastics
10:10 Athers Olympics Best Selections: Mer's Marathon
1135 CNN News

Afternoon 4:10 Keirin Grand Prix 2004 Evening

6:10 BS Documentary: Best Selections: Sui-cide Bombing 7:10 BS Documentary: Best Selections: Chil-dren in Iraq

8:10 BS Documentary: Best Selections: The Wall in Palestine 10:10 BS Documentary: Iraqi Prison Abuse 11:50 CNN News 12:10 NFL: San Diego Chargers vs. Indianapo-lis Colts

4:10 BS Documentary: Diplomacy in Europe 5:10 BS Documentary: Powerful Tornado

JAPAN TV-BS11

2:30 U.S. Movie (2000): Geppetto (1:30)

Evening 7:00 NHK News 12:30 U.S. Movie (1976): The Outlaw Josey Wales (2:20)

Morning

600 U.S. Movie (2002): The Hours (1:57)
11:80 U.S. Movie (2002): Sweet Home AlaAfternoon
13:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Trapped (1:58)
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U.S. Movie (2003): Terminator 3: Rise of
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13:00 U.S. Movie (2003): Everyond Borders (2:10)
13:05 Ty Series: Sea and the City
14:05 Ty Series: Sea and the City
14:05 Ty Series: Sea and the City MTV

Morning 6:00 Wake Up! 7:00 M Size Wednesday 8:00 Top Choice wowow

10:00 Pure Music 10:30 World Selection 11:00 All the Best of MTV 2004 No. 17-No. 18

Afternoon
12:00 All the Best of MTV 2004 No. 17-No. 18
12:00 All the Best of MTV 2004 — Ashlee Simpson No. 7-No. 8

son No. /-No. 8 1:00 All the Best of MTV 2004 — Pimp My Ride No. 7-No. 8 No. /-No. 8 2:00 All the Best of MTV 2004 Punk'd — No. 7-No. 8 3:00 Europe Music Awards 2004

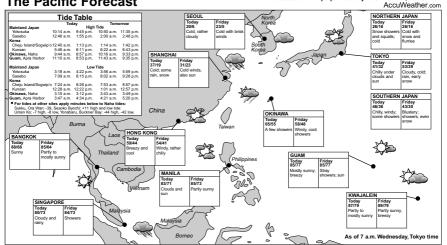
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11:00 Screen 11:30 Pure Music 12:00 U.S. Top 20 with Super Dry 2:00 M Size Thursday

3:00 Screen 3:30 After Hours

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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO

Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine,

high 42, low 29. Sunday: Mostly sunny, high 41, low 34.

KADENA

high 62, low 55

Saturday: Mostly cloudy, high 58, low 50. Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine

SEOUL

Saturday: Mostly sunny, high 22, low 14. Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 35, low 21.

MANILA

Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 85, low 73. Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 85, low 73.

HAGATNA

Saturday: Partly sunny, high 87, low 75. Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 85, low 77.

Tuesday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	54/38	Los Angeles	61/51
Amarillo	67/37	Little Rock	56/40
Anchorage	25/8	Louisville	49/36
Asheville	48/25	Miami	73/62
Baltimore	34/28	Milwaukee	38/29
Birmingham	58/37	Nashville	56/37
Bismarck	36/13	New York	31/27
Boise	43/34	Omaha	52/29
Boston	30/27	Orlando	69/52
Brownsville	79/56	Philadelphia	33/28
Buffalo	33/26	Phoenix	68/54
Burlington	28/21	Pittsburgh	39/32
Charleston, S	C 53/33	Portland, OR	50/38
Charlotte	49/28	Portland, ME	27/20
Cleveland	38/33	Salt Lake City	
Columbus, Oh	41/32	St. Louis	55/43
Duluth	28/13	San Antonio	68/51
El Paso	65/44	San Diego	64/56
Hartford	26/21	San Juan	85/72
Helena	32/14	Tampa	71/52
Indianapolis	40/33	Tulsa	63/46
Jacksonville	62/41	Washington	37/29
Kansas City	56/40	Wichita	61/37



U.S. Extended Forecast

Pacific moisture will continue to plague California Thursday. Rain will fall in much of northern and central parts of the state, with snow in the higher elevations of the Cascades. Rain and mountain snow will affect the Pacific Northwest. Rain and snow showers will be found across the Rockies. Low pressure will bring some rain and drizzle to the Midwest and Great Lakes Mild air will surne into the region ahead of the storm. The Southeast will be dry with some sun. On Friday, rain will continue to fall in parts of California. The Southwest may have some wet weather as well. In the East, scattered showers will be accompanied by mild air.

Thursday's Pacific Temperatures

Thursday's World Temperatures

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CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY H	IGH/LOW
Bangkok	88/68	lwakuni	41/33	Sasebo NB	45/35	Acapulco	88/72	Budapest	33/25	Kabul	41/14	Nairobi	83/56
Beijing	25/7	Kadena AB	65/55	Sapporo	26/16	Athens	51/42	Buenos Aires	88/64	Kiev	27/19	New Delhi	77/44
Camp Casey	23/5	Kunsan AB	29/17	Seoul	20/6	Auckland	69/57	Cairo	78/58	Kuwait	70/49	Oslo	43/29
Christchurch	74/49	Kwajalein	87/79	Shanghai	37/19	Baghdad	67/49	Cancun	81/65	London	53/46	Paris	46/39
Diego Garcia	85/76	Manila	83/71	Singapore	80/73	Barbados	87/70	Cape Town	69/50	Madrid	56/45	Rio de Janeiro	80/68
Hagatna	85/77	Misawa AB	29/19	Sydney	73/59	Barcelona	48/41	Geneva	36/35	Mexico City	72/43	Rome	47/35
Hanoi	60/41	Osan	26/8	Taegu	33/16	Berlin	37/37	Istanbul	48/35	Montreal	31/28	St. Petersburg	23/20
Hong Kong	59/44	Perth	81/62	Taipei	64/43	Bermuda	65/58	Jerusalem	72/57	Mogadishu	91/74	Stockholm	40/34
Honolulu	81/73	Pusan	36/24	Tokvo	41/32	Brussels	48/40	Johanneshurg	87/61	Moscow	22/13	Warsaw	33/27



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Personal fulfillment is only part of the joy. By racing a high-tech chair strapped to a ski at speeds up to 70 mph as part of the U.S. Disabled Ski Team, Tompkins and Devlin-Young are spreading a message of

"The main reason we're in it is to touch other guys and gals who have disabilities, to show them that life isn't really over, like I thought it was for a few years," Dev-

lin-Young said. Like most members of the team. Tompkins and Devlin-Young use off days and breaks in their schedule to visit schools, hoping their stories can provide a lift to kids who are down or an inspiration to those who need a little nudge in the right direction.

Tompkins, of Juneau, Alaska, also is heavily involved in junior racing and constantly trying to recruit new skiers, hoping they can get the same joy from it that he

Devlin-Young offers advice and inspiration at every turn, working with instructors and coaches to give people with disabilities an outlet for their frustrations

"They definitely enjoy what they do and they like to pass it on to other people,' coach Kevin Jardine said.

"All the athletes on our team have different reasons for doing it, and Chris and Joe are old enough and mature enough and been involved in the sport long enough that they really enjoy that side of it. The fact that they have been through what they've



Paralympic alpine skiers Chris Devlin-Young, left, of Compton, N.H., and Joe Tompkins of Juneau, Alaska, are involved in sports science testing and training at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado

been through and have such a positive attitude about it is really key." And they have been through a lot.

A surfer growing up in Santa Cruz, Calif., Devlin-Young was partially para-lyzed below the waist in 1982 when, while on a rescue mission with the Coast Guard. his plane crashed into a mountain in the Aleutian Islands. For two years, he grappled with feelings that he was half a man. raging and drinking to the point that he wondered if he'd see his next birthday.

"I got seven speeding tickets in one month and talked my way out of two others when I was drunk," said Devlin-Young, who now lives in Campton, N.H. "I'm luckier to be alive from the two years after the disability than I am after the plane crash."

weeklong disabled veterans ski clinic, Devlin-Young figured he had nothing to lose. Now he's coming off the best of his 11 sea sons and ready to make a run for a medal in the 2006 Paralympics at Turin, Italy.

"Right away, I got hooked to skiing, got hooked to racing and unhooked to being angry," Devlin-Young, who turns 43 on Sunday, said. "Skiing really changed my life. It gave me back adrenaline, it gave me back control of my life, over my parts that I'll never being able to control ever again.

Tompkins knows all about losing control. He was injured in 1988 when, as a 19-year-old, he hopped into the front seat of a car being driven by a drunken friend. The driver crashed into a tree killing one of the passengers and leaving Tompkins with a broken back and paralysis from the waist down

Like Devlin-Young, he fell into depression, recklessly using drugs and alcohol to fight his inner demons. Skiing later be came a way to break free of his wheelchair, but it was a pair of beaming eyes those of his son, Donald, born a month be fore the accident - that made him realize life wasn't over

'At 21. I took a look at my son and said. "That boy is never going to call anybody dad, besides me," Tompkins said. "And from then on I quit drinking and doing

drugs and started to live my life again. Tompkins, 36, got into skiing after a friend at a wheelchair basketball game asked if he had tried it. Though he was tentative for a few years after watching a friend's fatal crash into a tree, Tompkins won a World Cup race last year and was bumped up to the "A" team this season

"If you've seen a bald eagle up there soaring around, just letting it go, that's exactly how I felt. Tompkins said of his first time out. "I felt like I was untouchable, I was just going to glide around that snow.

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6 Korea-based wrestlers invited to All-Army camp

Six South Korea-based soldiers have heen selected to attend the All-Army wrestling tryout camp Feb. 14 to March 20 at the Army's World Class Athlete Program training center at Fort Carson, Colo.

Representing South Korea are James De Groat, a 198-pounder from Camp Humphreys; Shawn Glashauckas, 198 pounds, Camp Kyle; Jermaine Hodge, 139 pounds, Camp Stanley; Nelson Moody, 128 pounds, Camp Essayons; William Snell. pounds, Camp Casey; and Brian Yoder, 139 pounds, Osan Air Base

They'll compete for berths on the All-Army team, scheduled to compete in the March 29-April 2 All-Armed Forces freestyle and Greco-Roman championships at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

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AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.-College basketball: Alabama at Wisconsin (did).

AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.-College football: Alamo Bowl, Ohio State vs. Oklahoma State at San Antonio (did).

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Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Payout: \$1.35 million

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At Tampa, Fla. Payout: \$2.75 mill Wisconsin (9-2) vs. Georgia

Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
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ate (8-3) vs. West Virginia (8-3)
Capital One Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
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College basketball

AP Men's Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 26, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's

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, Oklahoma St. (4)	9-0	1.678	3
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, Georgia Tech	8-1	1,225	ä
). Pittsburgh	9-0	1.161	10
. Connecticut	6-1	976	11
. Gonzaga	9-1	843	13
l. Washington	10-1	842	12
l. Arizona	8-2	733	14
i. Texas	8-2	708	15
. Iowa	10-1	702	17
. N.C. State	9-1	686	16
8. Alabama 8. Louisville	10-1	611	19
). Louisville	8-2	587	18
), George Washington	8-1	484	20
. Mississippi St.	11-2	437	21
t. Cincinnati I. Michigan St.	9-0	342	22
l. Michigan St.	7-2	268	23
l. Maryland	7-2	226	24
. Virginia	8-1	144	25
Others receiving votes:	Marquet	te 71,	Bos-

Monday's men's scores

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Hofstra 66, Stony Brook 54
Holy Cross 52, Northeastern 76
Iona 77, Rhode Island 62
Villanova 81, Middle Tennesse 6
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Louisville 104, Morrehead 51, 40
Transylvania 76, Thomas More 5
Virginia Tech 67, Morgan 51, 64
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Akron 81, Oakland, Mich. 2, 53
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Cincinnati 77, Miami (Ohio) 53 Illinois 105, Longwood 79 North Central 60, Wis.-Oshkosh 59 Northwestern 50, Delaware St. 43

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Ohio 67, Binghamton 63
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St. Vincent 109, Bethel, Ind. 104, OT
State Farm Sum Bowl Tournament

Princeton 59, Tulane 51
UTEP 89, Alabama St. 57
EXHIBITION

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 26, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 55th-place vote and last week's

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4. Texas	6-2	943 4
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6. Notre Dame	10-1	905 7
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22. Kansas St. 23. UCLA	6-3	
24. Rutgers	6-2	92 24

Others receiving votes: Arizona 68, Ri nond 49, Houston 45, Florida St. 22, Virgi Tech 21, Iowa St. 17, Illinois 16, Arkansas 15 West Virginia 13, Oklahoma 8, Temple 8 Tulsa 8, N.C. State 6, Oregon 6, Utah 5, Wake Forest 5, Chattanooga 4, Wis.-Green Bay 2

Monday's women's scores

Connecticut 76, George Ma. SOUTH Rollins 68, Wayne, Mich, 47 MIDWEST Aguinas 89, St. Francis, III. 81 Clarke 84, Tri-State 76 Huntington 73, St. Ambrose 69 St. Mary's, Ind. 66, Slena Heights 61 St. Xavier 94, Purdue-Calumét 40 Wis-Platteville 77, Mount Mercy 35 Wis-Whitewater 81, Wis. Lutheran 61

Arizona 67, Washington 63 Arizona St. 67, Washington St. 39

Free agent signings

NEW YORK (AP) — The 104 free agents who have signed, with name, position former club if different, and contract. The contract information was obtained by The Associated Press from player and management rowers.

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KANSAS CITY (2) — Re-signed Kevin Appler, rhp, to a minor league contract (\$500,000); signed Jose Lima, rhp, Los Angeles, to a \$25 million, one-year contract.

MINNESOTA (4) — Signed Juan Castro, 3b,

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4. Rutgers	6-2 92 24	
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CHICAGO (3) — Signed Dustin Hermanson, rhp. San Francisco, to a \$5.5 million, two-year contract: Signed Jermaine Dye, of, Oakland, to a \$10.15 million, two-year contract: Signed Orlando Hermandez, rtp, New York Yankees, to an \$8 million, two-year contract:

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ontract; JAPANESE CENTRAL LEAGUE YOMIURI (1) — Signed Gabe Kapler, of, Bos on, to a one-year contract

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Quarterfinal 1
Group A runner-up vs. Group B third-place
Quarterfinal 2
Group B runner-up vs. Group A third-place
Sunday, Jan. 2
At Grand Forks, N.D.

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Semifinals
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AUBURN – Agreed to terms with Tommy Tu-erville. football coach, on a seven-year con-

LIVINGSTONE—Named Ben Coates football coach.
OHIO STATE—Announced junior G Ricardo
Billings left the men's basketball team.
ST. JOHN'S – Suspended junior F Rodney
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O'Neal scores 31 as Heat win franchise-record 12th straight

Home attendance of 20,291 also best ever for Miami

MIAMI - Shaquille O'Neal was banged up and sore, but still made his presence felt in a big

O'Neal scored 31 points despite playing with a sore back and ribs. and Dwyane Wade added 27 as the Miami Heat set a franchise record with their 12th straight win, a 116-102 victory over the Atlanta Hawks on Monday night.

The Heat, playing for the first time since their much-hyped Christmas Day overtime victory against Kobe Bryant and the Lakers, eclipsed their mark for consecutive wins set in 1997. Miami also set a franchise mark for home attendance with 20,291.

O'Neal wore a sleeveless T-shirt and padding underneath his jersey. He said he felt sore after the game against the Lakers, but can't recall a specific play when the injury took place.

"My back was sore. The flak jacket felt good, so I plan to wear it the rest of my career," O'Neal said

It didn't appear there was anything wrong with him. O'Neal made 10 of 14 shots from the floor, getting started with a pair of dunks in the opening minutes. He was uncharacteristically effective at the foul line, making 11 of 14 attempts in his 32 minutes.

"I wanted to come out aggressive and take my mind off my sore back," O'Neal said.

Wade, who sparked Miami's victory against the Lakers with 29 points, followed that up with another solid performance, adding three rebounds and nine assists.

After getting two close victories on the road against the Kings and Lakers to complete a 2-0 trip. the Heat survived a scare from the Hawks, who have the league's second-worst record.

"This win streak has shown us what we have as a team when we win close games," Wade said. "We've been doing it in the big stages and it proves where this team is headed.

Antoine Walker, Tony Delk and Predrag Drobniak each scored 16 points for the Hawks, who lost for the sixth time in seven games and fell to 2-10 on the road.

The game turned in Miami's favor toward the end of the third quarter. Trailing 78-72, the Heat ran off 13 straight points and closed the period with a 16-2 spurt to grab an 88-80 lead. Wade triggered the surge with three assists and seven points.

Walker hit a pair of free throws for the Hawks to cut the gap to 106-100 with 2:29 left. But Christian Laettner hit two free throws and then converted a three-point play to extend Miami's lead to 111-100 with 1:41 to go. "Twelve wins in a row is incred-

ible," Miami's Eddie Jones said. "It's a confidence booster. We believe when things aren't going great that we can come back.

The Hawks put together a strong second quarter, led by newly acquired Tyronn Lue's nine points, and led 56-55 at halftime

In the end, though, it was too much of O'Neal and Wade, who combined for 58 points, 10 rebounds and 11 assists.

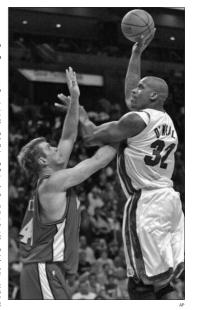
"They're an awesome team. Hawks coach Mike Woodson

"When you get off to a start like they have, they know that they're playing for a title. They have a legitimate shot of coming out of the East and getting to the Finals They're a team that's playing with a purpose right now."

O'Neal started strong, with a pair of dunks in the opening minutes. A woeful 44 percent shooter from the foul line this season. O'Neal easily had his best night at the stripe.

"Maybe he should wear that brace all the time," said Hawks center Jason Collier, who drew the assignment of guarding O'Neal

"The way he was hitting his free throws, it was a good night for him.'



Miami Heat's Shaquille O'Neal shoots over Atlanta Hawks' Jason Collier in the Heat's 116-102 victory Monday in Miami. O'Neal scored 31 points despite playing with sore ribs that required protective padding.

NBA scoreboard

Fastern Conference

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	W	L	Pct	GB			
New York	15	13	.536	-			
Boston	12	14	.462	2 2 5			
Philadelphia	12	14	.462	2			
New Jersey	9	17	.346	5			
Toronto		19	.345	51/2			
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Miami	23	7	.767	-			
Orlando	15	11	.577	6			
Washington	15	11	.577	6			
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Chicago	9	16	.360	6			
Milwaukee	7	16	.304	7			
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Memphis	13	17	.433	10					
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Denver	13	15	.464	81/2					
Utah		17	.393	101/2					
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L.A. Clippers	12	14	.462	111/2					
Golden State	10	18	.357	141/2					
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Struggling Nuggets fire coach Bzdelik

Assistant Cooper to take over underachieving team on interim basis

BY JOHN MARSHALL

The Associated Press

DENVER — Jeff Bzdelik was fired Tuesday as coach of the Denver Nuggets, who are on a six-game losing streak and struggling despite the addition of Kenyon Martin this season.

Assistant Michael Cooper was appointed interim coach.

"Right now, I really felt the team needed a change," Nuggets General Manager Kiki Vandeweghe said.

"Sometimes it's nothing the head coach is doing wrong. It's just that a change of voice sometimes is the positive."

Bzdelik is the first NBA coach to be fired this season. Denver was expected to move near the top of the Western Conference after signing Martin, an All-Star power forward. So far, however, the Nuggets have been hurt by injuries and inconsistency.

The Nuggets started the season without power forward Nene and have used 10 different starting lineups, with star forward Carmelo Anthony missing the past five games with a sprained ankle.

Shooting guard Voshon Lenard, Denver's only legitimate outside shooting threat, was lost for the season with a torn Achilles' tendon in the opener.

Denver opened the season 2-5, won 10 of its next 12 games and has lost eight of its past nine, dropping to 13-15 after a 104-101 loss to Golden State on Monday night. It wasn't just the losses — it

was the way Denver was losing.
Denver lost six games by at least 14 points and was lethargic in several others. The Nuggets have struggled defensively, particularly inside, and that has prevented them from utilizing their fast-break offense, one of the keys to their success last year.

The low point came in a nationally televised 19-point loss to Cleveland on Dec. 3.

Bzdelik said he wasn't sure which team was going to show up from game to game and even questioned whether his team was in shape — suggesting the Nuggets may have been tuning him

"I didn't feel like the team was responding the way we had hoped," Vandeweghe said. "These things don't happen overnight, it's an evolution. I can't pinpoint when this trend started, but it started a while ago."

Bzdelik was a longtime assistant dalik was a longtime assistant and scout under Pat Riley in Miami and New York before getting his first head coaching job with the Nuggets in 2002. Though Denver struggled to a league-worst 17-65 record in his first season, Bzdelik was credited with turning the Nuggets into a hardworking, defensive-minded

A roster overhaul and the addition of Anthony made all the difference last season. The Nuggets improved by 26 games to 43 wins to reach the playoffs for the first time in nine years.

Through all the success, Bzdewasn't able to get any security from the front office. Vandeweghe refused to give Bzdelik a contract extension last season and it seemed the only reason he was back this year was because of a contract clause that called for his ortion to be nicked

up if the Nuggets reached the playoffs.

It was a situation that may have had Bzdelik, 73-119 in just over two seasons with Denver, looking over his shoulder.

"Do I think I'm responsible;" Vandeweghe said. "At the end of the day I take responsibility for all the things that go on here. These are my decisions and some of them are not fun decisions to make."

Cooper, a member of the Los Angeles Lakers' "Showtime" teams of the 1980s, coached the Los Angeles Sparks to two WNBA championships and a finals appearance in four years before join-



Jeff Bzdelik was 73-119 in just over two seasons as the coach of the Denver Nuggets.

ing the Nuggets as an assistant

"This is tough, but my goal now is to get us playing a little better," Cooper said.

"We'll concentrate on defense and just try to continue the winning ways this team ended last season and sort of started with at the beginning of the season."

Leg cramp, loss spoil Carter's Nets debut

The Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Vince Carter is glad he won't see the Palace of Auburn Hills again this season. At least not until the playoffs.

Carter scored 23 points in his debut with New Jersey but left in overtime with a cramp in his left hamstring, and the Nets fell to the Detroit Pistons 100-90 on Monday night.

"I'm OK — it just cramped up," Carter said. "I'll be fine as soon as I get some fluids into me."

The game was his first since he strained an Achilles' tendon in Toronto's 90-86 overtime loss to the Pistons on Dec. 8. He was traded to the Nets on Dec. 17.

"I guess this is twice here, but I'm sure the cramps would have happened anywhere," he said. "I played a lot of minutes in my first game back, and I guess I got dehydrated. I felt good until then, and my Achilles' is fine."

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He didn't start, but played 42 minutes and shot 8-for-19.

"Vince is one of the top players in the league, and we fully expect him to have a bright future in New Jersey," Nets coach Lawrence Frank said. "He was under a lot of pressure tonight, and he responded extremely well."

Richard Hamilton scored a season-best 37 points for Detroit, which overcame a late eight-point deficit in the fourth quarter.

"In the last two games, the coaches have definitely given us a lot more freedom to do things on offense," Hamilton said.

Tayshaun Prince had 18 points and nine rebounds and matched a career high with seven assists.

Knicks 119, Magic 111: Stephon Marbury scored 34 points in visiting New York's best offenNBA mance season Kurt mas,

mas, Allan Houston and Jerome Williams added 15 points apiece for the Knicks, who set season highs in points and assists (29) and tied their season high for field goals made with 46.

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Steve Francis scored 25 points and Cuttino Mobley added 24 for Orlando, playing for the first time after a four-day layoff.

Pacers 100, Hornets 82: At Indianapolis, Reggie Miller scored 24 points and Jermaine O'Neal added 16 to go with 11 rebounds

for Indiana.

O'Neal was 7-for-15 in his second game after missing 15 for his role in a brawl with Detroit fans on Nay 19

Lee Nailon had a season-high 28 points for New Orleans, which has lost sixth straight and 17 of 18.

Wizards 106, Bobcats 87: At

Washington, Larry Hughes had 20 points and Gilbert Arenas 17 to lead the Wizards, who bounced back from tying a season low for points in a 109-74 loss at Minnesota on Sunday.

Emeka Okafor had 18 points and 11 rebounds for Charlotte, extending his streak of consecutive double-doubles to 16.

Grizzlies 96, Clippers 76: At Memphis, Tenn., Pau Gasol had 18 of his 24 points in the first half, and the Grizzlies rolled over slumping Los Angeles.

Bonzi Wells added 18 points for Memphis, which snapped a two-game losing streak. Corey Maggette scored 14 points for the Clippers, losers for the seventh time in eight games.



During his first game with the team, New Jersey Nets' Vince Carter is taken off the court because of an injured hamstring during overtime against the Detroit Pistons at the Palace in Auburn Hills, Mich. on Monday. The Pistons defeated the Nets 100-90.

SuperSonics 98, Jazz 88: At Salt Lake City, Rashard Lewis scored 22 points and Ray Allen 19 as Seattle won in Utah for the first time in nine tries

Matt Harpring scored 22 points for the Jazz, who lost for the fifth time in six games. Utah, last beaten at home by Seattle on Feb. 1, 2000. committed 23 turnovers.

76ers 111, Trail Blazers 104: At Portland, Ore., Allen Iverson overcame early shooting problems to score 28 points for Phila-

The Blazers got a season-high 28 points from Darius Miles and 25 from Zach Randolph. Andre Igoudala added a career-high 22 points for the 76ers

Warriors 104, Nuggets 101: At Oakland, Calif., Mickael Pietrus scored a career-high 24 points and Golden State won three straight for the first time this season.

Rockets acquire Wesley, trade Jackson, Nachbar

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The New Orleans Hornets traded longtime shooting guard David Wesley to the Houston Rockets for 13-year veteran Jim Jackson and Bostjan Nachbar, team officials said Monday.

"Jim and Bostjan are going to fit well into our system and should be able to help us with their offensive skills," Hornets General Manager Allan Bristow said in a statement. "We're optimistic that the addition of these two players and the return of some of our injured players will give us a great boost on the

court."
New Orleans is 2-24.
Jackson, who plays shooting
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Nachbar was selected by the Rockets with the 15th overall pick in the 2002 NBA Draft. The 6-9 Slovenian forward averaged 2.8 points and 1.4 rebounds in his first two seasons with Houston and had averaged 3.1 points and 1.9 rebounds in 16 games with the Rockets this season.

The Hornets were in Indiana for a Monday night game with the Pacers. Jackson and Nachbar were expected to go directly to New Orleans and join the Hornets for their next home game Wednesday night against Phoenix, team spokesman Harold Kaufman said.

Houston's next game is Tuesday night in Milwaukee.



Wesley played for the Hornets since the opening of the 1997-98 season, compiling averages of 14.7 points and 4.6 assists. Wesley grew up in Texas and played in college at Baylor.

Raptors place Mourning on injured list; activate Araujo

TORONTO — The Toronto Raptors placed newly acquired center Alonzo Mourning on the injured list Monday, making room for center Rafael Araujo on the active roster.

Mourning was acquired earlier this month from New Jersey in a trade involving Vince Carter. But Mourning has not reported to Toronto and may never play for the Benton.

The NBA veteran wants to join a contender, and he is in Florida healing various injuries. The Raptors will likely buy out his contract.

The 34-year-old center, who underwent a kidney transplant in 2003, didn't have to pass a physical for the Dec. 17 trade to go through.

Van Horn on injured list

MILWAUKEE — Bucks forward Keith Van Horn was put on the injured list Tuesday because of an ailing right ankle. He had missed the past 10

games with tendinitis in the ankle and will be out at least two more weeks, Bucks General Manger Larry Harris said.

Van Horn has averaged 17.2 points and 8.2 rebounds in 13 games this season. He is Milwaukee's third-leading scorer and top rebounder.

Yanks, Red Sox, Angels to pay luxury tax Arizona, N.Y.

Devil Rays have lowest payroll in majors for third straight season

BY RONALD BLUM

NEW YORK - The Yankees are paying more in luxury tax than the Tampa Bay Devil Rays spent on their payroll

New York is required to pay \$25,026,352, according to a Dec. 21 memorandum that was sent to all major league teams

Two other teams also owe money for exceeding the payroll threshold of \$120.5 million: ton must send \$3,155,234 and Anaheim \$927.059. Checks for the competitive-balance tax, as it is formally known, are due at the commissioner's office by Jan. 31.

"The CBT is now an important part of baseball's economic landscape." Red Sox owner John Henry said in an e-mail Monday.

"From my perspective, even though it costs us, the stronger the CBT is in the future, the stronger the sport is going to be. It is a much more productive form of taxation than that of strictly revenue taxation because the economic incentives for teams are not damaged.'

Tampa Bay, meanwhile, finished with the lowest payroll for the third straight season. At \$24.4 million, the Devil Rays had the lowest figure for a 25-man roster since 2000

In 2003, the first year of the new luxury tax, the Yankees were the only team to pay, owing \$11,798,357, according to the team's latest revised bill. Because they exceeded the threshold a second time, the Yankees were taxed at a rate of 30 percent for the

2000-04 Baseball payroll comparison

NEW YORK (AP) — Comparisons of 2000-04 baseball payrolls, as determined by the com-						
missioner's office. Totals include termination pay, prorated shares of signing bonuses						
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Teams	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	
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Boston	130,395,386	108.403.617	116,613,337	114,331,641	75.525.525	
Anaheim	115,608,812	79,987,133	62,436,618	49,452,387	54,312,609	
N.Y. Mets	103,199,231	112,828,559	102,863,303	93,125,240	82,246,383	
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Chicago Cubs	100.653.389	84,046,880	74,949,669	72.896.143	59,480,018	
Philadelphia	97,380,476	71,507,302	61,478,823	46,969,933	45,734,878	
St. Louis	92,816,050	93,116,025	73,807,364	76,153,956		
San Francisco	82,404,615	89,178,203	82,556,895	67,586,969	50,465,747	
Houston	81,903,157	72,833,342	66,686,813	66,443,169	50,145,545	
Seattle	81,836,597	95,713,644	88,366,486	79,925,400	59,811,910	
Atlanta	79,445,468	97,948,436	94,705,177	94,879,885	87,575,050	
Texas			108,890,238			
Colorado	69,486,511	66,872,618	52,021,406	68,624,989	63,986,567	
Arizona	68,412,599	83,735,715	109,502,307	85,126,449		
San Diego	65,923,545	50,878,041	40,513,219	38,661,011	54,292,954	
Chicago White Sox	64,615,141	63,285,343	57,292,021	62,858,544	35,677,812	
Oakland	60,288,197	51,367,930	40,955,051	39,722,689	30,388,574	
Detroit	58,812,762	55,398,056	56,574,721	51,101,480 77,196,073	54,806,803	
Baltimore		72,057,390	62,994,770	77,196,073	69,398,275	
Minnesota	54,795,587					
Toronto	50,651,626	58,875,924	69,276,606	74,274,440	54,518,816	
Florida	50,340,382	55,872,106	43,660,256	38,005,639	22,131,182	
Cincinnati	46,264,032	50,605,545	44,561,074	43,964,870	42,317,800	
Kansas City	44,728,466	45,426,756	52,217,132	36,127,441	25,916,297	
Cleveland	42,642,627	53,479,576	77,843,083	95,303,917	78,388,987	
Montreal	39,396,467	47,261,440	36,696,732	34,634,862		
Pittsburgh	32,507,271					
Milwaukee	29,599,934	43,347,132	49,866,107	46,648,723	36,967,613	
Tampa Bay	24,427,167	27,434,258	35,882,301	50,974,068	61,231,853	

amount they were over. Boston and Anaheim were taxed at a 22.5 percent rate

If the Yankees go over the 2005 threshold of \$128 million, which appears certain, they would be taxed at a 40 percent rate.

New York also estimates it will give up about \$60 million as part of baseball's revenue-sharing plan this season, meaning the Yankees will send the commissioner's office about \$85 million of their estimated \$315 million revenue in 2004. Boston's revenue-sharing payment is estimated at approximately \$42 million on revenue of at least \$220 mil-

The Yankees easily finished ahead of other teams in the regular payrolls figures for the sixth straight season, winding up at a record \$187.9 million, \$18 million above the previous mark they set

Boston, which overcame a 3-0 deficit against the Yankees in the AL championship series and won the World Series for the first time since 1918, was second at \$130.4 million

Anaheim, defeated by the Red Soy in the first round of the playoffs, was third at \$115.6 million. followed by the New York Mets (\$103.2 million), Los Angeles (\$101.7 million), the Chicago Cubs (\$100.7 million) and Philadelphia (\$97.4 million).

St. Louis, swept by Boston in World Series, was eighth at \$92.8 million.

At the other end Milwaukee was 29th at \$29.6 million, down from \$43.3 million, and Pittsburgh was 28th at \$32.5 million, down from \$53.3 million.

Texas fell from fifth at \$103.3 million to 13th at \$79.2 million. Atlanta went from sixth at \$98 million to 12th at \$79.4 million, Seattle dropped from seventh at \$97.7 million to 11th at \$81.8 million and Arizona declined from 11th at \$83.8 million to 15th at \$68.4

Anaheim rose from 12th at \$80 million to third, the Cubs increased from 10th at \$84 million to sixth and Philadelphia went up from 15th at \$71.5 million to sev-

Payrolls include salaries, prorated shares of signing bonus earned bonuses, buyouts of 2004 options and cash transactions.

For the luxury tax, which is based on 40-man rosters, the average annual values of contracts and includes benefits, the Yankees finished with a payroll of \$203.9 million, while Boston was at \$134.5 million and Anaheim at \$124.6 million

Many midlevel teams appear to be spending money on free agents this offseason, possibly because of the shift in economics created by increased revenue sharing. That could push the average salary higher next season.

According to the players' association, the average dropped 2.5 percent this year to \$2,313,535 from \$2,372,189, the first decrease since 1995 and only the third since record-keeping began

still pursuing Johnson deal

NEW YORK - The Yankees Arizona Diamondbacks talked Monday night for the first time since the collapse last week of a three-team, 10-player trade that would have sent Randy Johnson

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New York Yankees President Randy Levine briefs spoke with in-

coming Arizona chief executive officer Jeff Moorad. No progress was made and the sides planned to talk

again later in the week The proposed trade came apart last week when Los Angeles reversed course and withdrew

Ex-Blue Jay Ault's death was a suicide, officials rule

CLEARWATER, Fla. - The death of former Toronto Blue Javs first baseman Doug Ault was ruled a suicide, the medical examiner said Tuesday.

Ault died Dec. 22 at 54 of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head at his Tarpon Springs

Tarpon Springs police had suspected Ault's death was a suicide, Sgt. Jeff Young said. The police declined to elaborate, citing the pending investigation.

Ault became part of Blue Jays lore when he hit two home runs in the first game of the expansion team's history. With a snow storm in Toronto and a cold wind blowing off Lake Ontario, he homered twice off Ken Brett in the Blue Jays' 9-4 victory over the Chicago White Sox at Exhibition Stadium on April 7, 1977.

Ault hit only 17 homers during

his four years in the majors.

Sorenstam again voted Associated Press' female athlete of year

The Associated Press

Golfer Annika Sorenstam is the Associated Press Female Athlete of the Year for the second straight year. Sorenstam received 40 first-place votes and 263 points.

Diana Taurasi, who led Connecticut to the NCAA women's basketball title and then captured the WNBA Rookie of the Year award, finished second. She had 15 first-place votes and 154 points, two more than Russian teen tennis sensation Maria Sharapova.

Sorenstam's year began with a win in the ANZ Ladies Masters on Australia's Gold Coast, making up a four-stroke deficit at the midway point by closing with a pair of scintillating 65s. She ended the year by edging Cristie Kerr in a playoff in the ADT Championship, the final tournament on the LPGA calendar, with her only victory that didn't come by multiple shots

United States defeats Switzerland in World Junior Hockey preliminary

GRAND FORKS, N.D. - The United States matched Switzerland's four-goal outburst in the third period for a 6-4 victory Monday night in the preliminary round of the World Junior Hockey Championship.

The United States led 2-0 entering the third after goals by Ryan Callahan and Kevin Porter, but Switzerland tied it with two quick scores

Sports briefs

Drew Stafford's goal put the United States back in the lead, and Tim Hensick, Robbie Schremp and Patrick O'-Sullivan added scores to

The United States, the tournament's defending champion, improved to 2-0. Switzerland fell to 1-1.

Sidney Crosby had two goals and Ryan Getzlaf a goal and two assists in Canada's 8-1 victory over Sweden in another preliminary game

Sweden's Christopher Heino-Lindberg stopped 15 of 16 shots in the first period. but Canada scored four goals in less than 15 minutes of the second

Canada, a favorite to win the tourna-ment, improved to 2-0 in preliminary games. Sweden dropped to 1-1

Schild wins women's giant slalom

SEMMERING, Austria — Marlies Schild won a World Cup giant slalom before her home fans Tuesday and Tanja Poutiainen of Finland regained the lead in the overall standings by finishing second. Sarah Schleper of the United States was

Schild completed the two runs on the Hirschenkogel course in 2 minutes, 15.97 seconds, edging Poutiainen by 0.11 seconds. Another Austrian, Elisabeth Goergl, was third in 2:17.53.



U.S. forward Patrick O'Sullivan celebrates his goal with teammate Ryan Callahan during the third period of their preliminary-round game against Switzerland in the World Junior Hockey Championships at Ralph Engelstad Arena in Grand Forks, N.D., on Monday. Team USA, the defending tournament champion, beat Switzerland 6-4 to improve to 2-0.

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Postseason game is a big feat for Buffs

BY JOHN MARSHALL The Associated Press

BOULDER Colo - For a team that sets its sights on Big 12 and national championships, finishing just above .500 and earning a trip to midlevel bowl shouldn't be something to get excited about.

But consider what the Buffaloes have been through this year — sex and recruiting scan-dals, coach Gary Barnett's suspension, a wild ride through the schedule - and it's easy to understand their satisfaction from a 7-5 season and a spot in the Houston Bowl against Texas-El Paso on Wednesday.

"It has been a rough year for this team and for this program," offensive lineman Sam Wild-"Things did not always go the way we wanted them to this year, but this team has kept

The long offseason threatened to overshadow anything the team might accomplish on the

A grand jury investigated claims by nine women who said they were sexually assaulted by players or recruits since 1997. No charges were filed, but three of those women sued the

university and two of the suits are still pending A separate investigation concluded sex, alcohol and drugs were used as football recruiting tools by player-hosts, though there was no evi dence university officials knowingly sanctioned the activity.

Barnett was suspended for three months after making insensitive remarks about two of the women, including former kicker Katie Hnida shortly after she said she was raped by a teammate in 2000.

The school overhauled its recruiting procedures, but the headlines didn't stop once the season started.

Embattled athletic director Dick Tharp resigned in November and chancellor Richard Byvny followed suit earlier this month, though both said it had nothing to do with the scandal A fraud investigator hired by state prosecutors is also looking into the school's fund-raising practices, including two football camps run by

Somehow, the players were able to fight off the distractions and win games.

"Everybody has gone through a lot, and the smoke has cleared and we're still standing," Barnett said. "The university, athletic department and administration have had a very successful year - and the football team.



Colorado coach Gary Barnett has been susper ed and his team has endured sex and recruiting scandals this year. But the Buffaloes (7-5), who play UTEP in the Houston Bowl on Wednesday, will finish 2004 with a winning record.

Colorado started off the season superbly, winning three straight games for the first time since 1998. That was followed by four losses in five games, seemingly ending Colorado's chanc-

es of earning a bowl bid. But the Buffaloes won three straight games to end the regular season, beating rival Nebraska 26-20 on the road to earn a spot in the Big 12 championship game.

Winning the Big 12 North might have said more about the weakness of the division than Colorado's skill - the Buffaloes were crushed 42-3 by Oklahoma in the title game - but it was quite an accomplishment for a team not given

much of a chance to succeed. "I've never had a young team that has achieved as much as this team has," Barnett said. "If these kids can take this kind of ap-proach when they're older, then they've really got a lot ahead of them."

As for Barnett, his year had nearly as many ups and downs as his team.

Barnett survived his suspension with his job intact after a university investigation, but the

nressure didn't let un

After being praised for holding his team together early in the season, Barnett heard the calls for his job during the midseason slide. It didn't help when Tharp, one of Barnett's biggest supporters, stepped down

But just when things seemed the worst. Barnett turned his team around and got them into the Big 12 title game and a bowl, earning conference coach of the year honors.

"I really haven't thought about me very much," Barnett said. "In the throes of the battle, you don't start feeling sorry for yourself. You worry about the people you're responsible for and getting them out of the mess they're in."

Gators, Canes renew rivalry in Peach Bowl

BY MARK LONG The Associated Press

ATLANTA - Dwayne Dixon knows as much as anyone about the Florida-Miami series

He played for the Gators from 1980-83, splitting four games against the Hurricanes. He was a student assistant for two years following his college career, then returned to become the receivers coach in 1990 and has been there since then.

Now that the once-bitter rivalry has been renewed — the Hurricanes will play the Gators for the fourth time in five seasons Friday night in the Peach Bowl — Dixon believes the in-state rivals should try to meet more often.

It could happen.

"It really was one of the great rivalries in college football," he said. "And it has a chance to return to that if we get Miami on the schedule I know that's tough to do, but it would be good for everyone — the fans, the players, the coaches."

Florida athletic director Jeremy Foley and Miami athletic director Paul Dee are awaiting the outcome of proposed legislation that would allow a 12-game schedule each season. If it passes - arguments are expected to be heard in April — the Gators and Hurricanes will play a home-and-home series every few

They won't play annually because both programs would like to use the extra game to play other elite teams. But they would resume a heated series that lost some of its luster during the 13-year break.

The Peach Bowl could help, too.

"It means the world to us right now " Miami guard Chris Myers said This is our national championship game

The Florida-Miami series began in 1938 and grew into a rivalry in the early 1950s, when the teams began playing for a wooden canoe. The canoe made -foot from 200-year-old cypress log would be ceremoniously brought out at halftime, displayed on the sideline and then presented to the winning coach.

Because Miami won the final game of a series that was played every year from 1944-1987, the canoe sits in the Sponsored by:

been somewhat forgotten.

But memories of the series might never be erased.

There was the infamous "Florida Flon" in 1971 - when Florida defenders laid down and let the Hurricanes score, allowing the Gators to get the ball back and quarterback John Reaves to break Jim Plunkett's record for NCAA career passing yards.

Miami coach Fran Curci refused to shake hands with Florida coach Doug Dickey after the game. Making matters worse, several Gators headed to the East end zone of the Orange Bowl and jumped into a pool that housed Miami Dolphins mascot Flipper during NFL games. It fired up the Hurricanes for years.

The rivalry grew even more intense in 1980, when Florida fans that the Gators trailed Miami 28-7 late in Gainesville - threw neaches at the Hurricanes, who were headed to the Peach Bowl.

Miami coach Howard Schnellenherger was so furious he ordered a field goal to add to the final margin.

For the Gators, the game never hit the heights of other Southeastern Conference rivalries such as Auburn, Georgia and Tennessee — or reached the crescendo of the annual meeting with Florida State.

So Florida dropped the Hurricanes in 1988 because it wanted to play a "more national schedule." promptly replaced them with Montana State. Miami fans accused the Gators of nulling out because the Hurricanes were dominating them field and on the national scene

With Florida's recruiting efforts suffering in talent-rich Dade County, former coach Steve Spurrier wanted the Hurricanes back on the schedule in 1990. But with the SEC expanding, there was no room.

After 13 years, Florida and Miami renewed the rivalry in the 2001 Sugar Bowl. Just a few nights before Miami's 37-20 win, a handful of players from both teams - most notably Miami's Bryant McKinnie and Florida's Alex Brown - mixed it up on Bourbon Street.

The series took another turn last season, when Brock Berlin rallied the Hurricanes from a 23-point, third-quarter deficit to a 38-33 victory.







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Connecticut routs Toledo in its first bowl

QB Orlovsky, tough defense carry Huskies to victory in Motor City

BY DONNA TOMMELLO The Associated Press

DETROIT Connecticut coach Randy Edsall lifted the Motor City Bowl trophy high above his head to the delight of players and fans mobbing the on-field nodium

"I wanted to win it for these kids. They're all winners," Edsall

said

Especially Dan Orlovsky, the star quarterback who threw for 239 yards and two touchdowns to help Connecticut rout Toledo 39-10 on Monday night in the Huskies' first bowl game since becoming a full Division I-A team three years ago.

"It was so gratifying for me to have those kids go out as champions," Edsall said. "They're Motor City Bowl champions now and nobody is ever going to be able to take that away from them."

Orlovsky, the leader of the senior class that completed the best three-year run in school history with a 23-13 record, said the program is just getting started.

"Do I think the sky is the limit? Yes," Orlovsky said. Thousands of UConn fans were

part of the record Motor City Bowl crowd of 52,552 "Before this year I heard peo-

ple say UConn has arrived. UConn has arrived now, literally," Orlovsky said. The Huskies (8-4) dominated in every phase, holding the Rock-

ets (9-4) to a season-low 10 points and just 78 vards on the ground. Toledo quarterback Bruce Gradkowski, who broke his throwing hand in the Mid-American



Connecticut QB Dan Orlovsky threw for 239 yards and two TDs as the Huskies defeated Toledo 39-10 in the Motor City Bowl on Monday.

Conference championship Dec. 2, struggled in the first half. He scored the Rockets' only TD on a 1-vard run.

Backup quarterback Marques Council played the second half, throwing for 160 yards with two

interceptions.

"It was a lot tougher than I thought it would be and it was better to get a healthy guy out there who could do the job." Gradkows-

The Huskies' special teams also played well. Matt Nuzie kicked a career-best four field goals and added three extra points, and Larry Taylor ran back

a punt 68 vards for a score in the first quarter, his first of the year. The Rockets came into the game averaging 35.2 points.

"It doesn't happen very often and it's a rare thing," Toledo coach Tom Amstutz said. "I give

UConn a lot of credit. We just didn't have all our guys going.

The Huskies got their biggest lift with the return of defensive end Tyler King. The 6-foot-5 se-nior made his first start since breaking his leg on Sept. 30.

King and his teammates were ready for every trick play the Rockets tried to run. King recovered a fumble on Toledo's fake punt in the first half. Four plays later, Orlovsky threw a 32-yard touchdown pass to Jason Williams. Orlovsky also connected with Brian Sparks on a 7-yard scoring pass late in the second

"When we got the turnover on the fake punt, that was great rec-ognition," Edsall said. "Our coaches did a great job preparing the players and then taking advantage of those situations.

The Huskies began their un grade from Division I-AA six ears ago when the school hired Edsall. They joined the Big East this season, finishing 3-3 in the

Orlovsky completed 20 of 41 passes before he came out of the game to a standing ovation. The howl also was the final game for senior linebacker Alfred Fincher. who switched his number from No. 9 to No. 4 Monday night in honor of Dan Reen, a friend and former Norwood (Mass.) high school teammate killed in a car accident several months ago. Fincher finished with nine tackles and an interception.

Council completed 16 of 28 passes for Toledo, and Gradkowswas 6-for-12 for 43 yards. Keron Henry led Connecticut's 109 yards, and Cornell Brockington ran for 72 yards. Matt Lawrence scored the Huskies' only rushing TD - a late 11-vard-

Orlovsky, from Shelton, Conn., spurned offers from other Division I-A schools such as Purdue and Virginia to play in his home state. He has no regrets

'It's just a gratifying process to go through and it's extremely humbling and an honor to go through it with the people we have," Orlovsky said.

Connecticut 39, Toledo 10

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Petrino talks with LSU; San Jose St. hires Tomey The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - Louisville football coach Bobby Petrino has met with LSU officials about the Tigers' job but refused to say if he expected further talks. "There's no offer on the table."

he said Tuesday. The LSU job opened when Nick

Saban left for the Miami Dolphins

Petrino, who called his session with LSU a "preliminary meeting," is in Memphis, where the No. 7 Cardinals play No. 10 Boise State in the Liberty Bowl on Friday.
"We agreed my focus would go

to the bowl game and to finish the season — the great season that we've had," Petrino said after practice at the University of Mem-

He said LSU officials sought permission to talk with him from Louisville athletic director Tom Jurich

'They asked for a quick meeting, and with Tom's permission, I agreed to meet with them," Petrino said. "We sat down Sunday morning in Nashville on my way

Six days ago, Petrino received

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\$550,000 to \$1 million a seaguaranteed. with

more than \$860,000 also possible in incentives. When his new contract was announced, he dismissed inquiries about the LSU position and noted his fondness for Louisville. Louisville moves from Conference-USA to the Big East next

season.
"This is the place I want to be,"
he said then. "This is the place my family wants to be."

Saban will coach LSU in the Canital One Bowl against Iowa on Saturday. Sahan had the nation's richest college football contract, a seven-year, \$18.45 million deal he signed after winning a share of the national title in 2003. The school is completing a stadium expansion and a new football operations center.

San Jose State hires veteran coach Tomev

SAN JOSE, Calif. - Dick Tomey, the career leader in coaching victories at Arizona and Hawaii, has been hired to revive San Jose State's struggling foothall program. A school source, speaking on

condition of anonymity, confirmed Wednesday that Tomey was chosen to succeed Fitz Hill who resigned earlier in the month after four losing seasons.

San Jose State scheduled a news conference for Thursday, but didn't disclose the reason.

The 66-year-old Tomey currently is the assistant head coach at Texas under Mack Brown, helping to prepare the team for Saturday's Rose Bowl. The Longhorns declined comment through a spokesperson.

Tomey went 158-110-7 in 24 seasons at Hawaii and Arizona, including 14 mostly successful seasons in Tucson, where he helped build the famed "Desert Swarm" defense. The Wildcats won four bowl games during his tenure, including victories in the 1994 Fiesta Bowl and the 1998 Holiday Bowl, and compiled the second-most Pac-10 victories in the

Police: Vandy football player killed over 'trash talk

TAMPA, Fla. - Vanderbilt run-

ning back Kwane Doster was shot to death after his friends and a group of other men exchanged "trash talk" about their cars, Tampa police said Tuesday.

Police continued to appeal for help in making an arrest in the Sunday morning shooting. Police said they have suspects, but need witnesses who might have seen who fired the fatal shot

Doster 21 was shot to death at a sandwich shop after visiting a local club with two friends about 1:30 a.m. Sunday.

the club. While leaving Doster's friends had a discussion with three other men about their cars, said Tampa police spokes man Joe Durkin. Both groups were driving what Durkin described as "show" cars, and the arguments centered on whose car

The two groups met again at a stoplight, where they again exchanged words and mean stares. Durkin said. The suspects were riding in an orange Infiniti.

was better

Blocks later, Doster and his friends pulled into a sandwich shop. The Infiniti pulled up, one man got out and opened fire with a handgun, Durkin said.

Doster, who was sitting in the back seat of his friend's car, was

killed with a single shot. No one else was injured. "There was no indication they

knew each other," Durkin said. "It's something so trivial, that trash talk goes on all the time. Then someone pulls out a gun —

Tennessee's two freshman OBs likely out for Cotton Bowl

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IRVING, Texas - Both of Tennessee's freshman quarterbacks

may be out for the Cotton Bowl. Junior Rick Clausen will start as planned in Saturday's game against Texas A&M (7-4).

The Vols (9-3) had hoped freshman Brent Schaeffer would be able to play some after returning for the first time since breaking his collarbone Oct. 30 at South Carolina But Schaeffer has been unable

to practice in Texas because of flu-like symptoms.

The Vols' other freshman QB Erik Ainge — hasn't played since separating his shoulder against Notre Dame on Nov. 6. He will not play in the Cotton Bowl, Fulmer said

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NFL parity means mediocrity rewarded with playoff berths

ome teams steamroll into the NFL playoffs, some back in and some stumble in as if they'd finally found their way home after wandering around dizzy and lost.

Take the Seattle Seahawks.

At 8-7, they are mediocrity personified - yet they've already clinched a playoff spot as the NFC West leader. This is a team that offsets inspiring runs with fumbles, bounces between defensive stands and inexplicable breakdowns. It is not for lack of effort that they struggle. It takes work to be so determinedly self-destructive just when they seem ready to win

Or take their NFC brethren in ordinariness: Green Bay, which has clinched the North division with a 9-6 record, and the four teams still alive for one of the two remaining playoff spots — St. Louis (7-8) after beating Philadelphia in a game that meant nothing for the Eagles on Monday night, Minnesota (8-7), Carolina (7-8) and New Orleans (7-8)

That means at least one and maybe two NFC playoffs team will boast a .500 record.

Aside from Philadelphia, now without injured Terrell Owens, and Atlanta, an average team an above-average record, the NFC stinks this year.

Blame it on the cycles of the game. Next year it could be the The AFC has four strong teams Steve Wilstein



New England. and Indianano lis, though the Colts' patchwork defense may undo whatever

marches Peyton Manning and the rest of the offense mount in the

playoffs As for the devotedly mediocre

in that conference who can yet make the playoffs, there are the New York Jets (10-5), Buffalo (9-6), Jacksonville (8-7), Baltimore (8-7) and Denver (9-6) competing for the two available wild-card enote The NFL's commitment to com-

monness is its brilliance and its bane. The late, great commissioner Pete Rozelle promoted the theory of parity back in the 1970s, touting the notion that the league profits most when most teams are competitive. That would keep fan interest higher around the country, translating into higher attendance, TV ratings, souvenir sales and greater revenue for everybody. It would be win, win, win all

He was right, yet over the next 20 years there still were teams that dominated at different stag-Oakland, Pittsburgh, Miami, Dallas, Washington, San Fran-cisco. The rest of the league was

The NFL institutionalized parity with the advent of the salary

cap in 1993, though that sports so cialism scheme didn't have a great effect on teams until the last ive years or so. Suddenly it became much harder for teams to keep their stars, stack their squads with strong

backups in case the stars go and build dynasties. The flip side was that decidedly bad teams could turn around in a hurry, as the Steelers did in going from 6-10 last year to 14-1 this year. The Chargers, 4-12 a year ago are 11-4 The new rules of the money

game require a creative re sponse: a minimum of stars and a maximum of interchangeable role players. Systems would become more

essential than individual talent. The Patriots, winners of two of the last three Super Bowls and a contender for another this season, solved the scheme best. thanks to head coach Bill Belichick and vice president of player

personnel Scott Pioli.

They assembled a winning team that had only two regulars who made the Pro Bowl - quarterback Tom Brady and defensive lineman Richard Seymour plus kicker Adam Vinatieri. The fact that Brady was a sixth-round draft pick with a relatively low salary allowed the Patriots to stock up with more better-than-average players who also came at har-



Seattle Seahawks' Darrell Jackson is brought down by Arizona Cardinals' Karlos Dansby (58) and Duane Starks, back, after catching a pass during the second quarter in Seattle on Sunday. The Seahawks have already clinched a playoff spot despite their 8-7 record.

gain prices. The Patriots showed that a

deep team consisting largely of role players, with a small smattering of stars, could consistently outperform top-heavy teams. They may have to perform a little financial magic when Brady negotiates his next contract, but this is a team built for the long haul That's going to be the challenge

of Nick Saban as he takes over as the Miami Dolphins head coach. Once a playoff perennial, they've become a joke, and they can't buy their way back to the past the way The LSU coach fancies himself

a turnaround expert. He did it at Michigan State before going to LSU, and he thinks he can do it in Miami. At 4-11, the Dolphins are having their worst season since the 1960s and their first with a losing record since 1988. Saban no doubt has been keen-

ing an eye on the genius of Belichick, for whom he served as as sistant when they revitalized the Cleveland Browns in 1991-94. We've never ever taken over

successful programs," Saban said, referring to himself in the plural, as if he knows he'll need all the help he can get. "We've taken challenges that were difficult, worked hard and had an effect in a positive way. That's one of the reasons I feel I can be successful in this challenge.

Chances are he will be, if for no other reason than the fact that the system will work in his favor. The salary cap ensures that the mighty shall fall and the meek shall inherit the playoff berths.

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Despite slide, Vikings pick up Tice's option for '05 made the Cowboys rely on pro-

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. - Minnesota Vikings coach Mike Tice will return for at least one more year, and nothing short of a lucracontract extension could make him happier. Despite a second straight

late-season slide, the Vikings on Monday picked up Tice's \$1 mil-lion ontion for 2005, ending much speculation about the coach's fu-"I'm pleased," Tice said. "I want

to remain the football coach of this football team because we've come a long way in three years.

Tice would have become a free agent Jan 31 if the club failed to exercise the ontion by Saturday one day before Minnesota's reg ular season finale at Washington Instead, the 45-year-old coach

will have a chance to improve his 23-25 record and reverse his team's reputation for fading down

The Vikings raced to 6-0 in Tice's second full season, but finished 9-7 and missed the playoffs. They are headed in a similar direction this year, having lost six of their past nine games. but at 8-7 still have a good shot at a wild-card berth

"Although our expectation of winning the division was not met, Briefs

we feel that the program Mike Tice has guided gives us the talent base to have success today and in the future," owner Red Mc-Combs said in a statement Monday, "Our expectations are high for the upcoming playoffs and for

next year."

Widely known as a player's coach, Tice has absorbed much of the blame for the Vikings' problems on and off the field, but the team's stars have supported him publicly.

Despite a 33 percent raise from his reported \$750,000 salary this season, Tice will remain one of the NFL's lowest-paid head coaches.

Cowboys safety Woodson headed to retirement

IRVING, Texas - The Dallas Cowboys are ready to bid farewell to safety Darren Woodson, the last player left from their teams that won three Super Bowls in the mid-1990s.

Woodson hasn't played all year because of injuries and was exnected to retire or be released after this season. Team owner Jerry Jones said on his weekly radio show that it's only a ques

NFL injury update

Inturies to prominent NTL players, fol-lowers to the common to the comm

tion of "when we and he will make it official." Coach Bill Parcells had said Monday that an announcement was coming as soon as this week.

Known as "Woody," the popu lar safety smiled a lot but also delivered punishing hits. A four-time All-Pro, he'll leave as the team's career leader in tackles with 1,350.

Woodson was a mokie on the 1992 squad that won Dallas' first Super Bowl of the Jones era. He also was a key player on the 1993 and '95 teams.

The 35-year-old Woodson had back surgery three days before the start of training camp. His recovery was set back by a nerve problem and he was never able to even make it back to practice.

His absence forced Roy Williams to be used differently and iected backups Tony Dixon and Dallas allowed the fewest yards

in the NFL last season with Woodson. The Cowboys have plummeted to 21st this season. "I think you saw the impact on

our defense this year," Jones

Roethlisberger questionable for regular-season finale

PITTSBURGH - Ben Roethlis berger's ribs are bruised and Pittsburgh Steelers coach Bill Cowher listed the rookie quarter back as questionable for Sunday's regular-season finale at Buffalo

The game is meaningless for the Steelers, who have clinched home-field advantage for the playoffs in the AFC. The Bills need to heat the Steelers and have either the New York Jets or Denver Broncos lose to clinch a spot in the playoffs.

Steelers coach Bill Cowher said his plans for the game would not change even if another playoff berth were not dependent on the

"This is not about what we owe anybody. It's what we owe ourselves. This is how you play the game," he said.

Roethlisberger was hurt Sunday against the Baltimore Ravens

when he was driven into the turf by Terrell Suggs

Mora wants Falcons starters in lineup on Sunday

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. Head coach Jim Mora wants every starter, including quarterback Michael Vick, to practice this week. With his Atlanta Falcons un-

able to affect their standing as the NFC's No. 2 seed last week, Mora decided Vick, tight end Alge Crumpler, nose tackle Ed Jasper and cornerback Jason Webster wouldn't play at New Orleans Running back T.J. Duckett, a

254-pounder who's hard to stop in short-yardage situations, missed his second straight game, but Mora expects the injured players to be on the field when the team returns to practice Wednesday. Atlanta visits Seattle on Sun-

day, after which point the Falcons won't play again until the divisional round of the playoffs Jan 15-16

"Absolutely, as I stand here today, it's my firm belief that he'll play," Mora said Monday of Vick. Something would have to transpire with his shoulder that I don't foresee right now for him to stay off the field. Same with Alge, same with T.J., same with Ed, same with Jason. I expect all those guys to be on the field Wednesday and rolling."

Cupboard won't be bare for Saban in Miami

Bates-led Dolphins have shown potential since Wannstedt stepped down

BY STEVEN WINE The Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. - By salvaging a little success from the Miami Dolphins' sorry season, Jim Bates is giving Nick Saban something to

Going into Miami's final game before Saban takes over, Bates is 3-3 as interim coach. He can finish with a winning record by beating Baltimore on Sunday, even though the best the Dolphins can do is 5-11, their worst year since

But that would be a big improvement on the team's 1-8 start before Dave Wannstedt resigned. Miami is on a winning streak for the first time this season, beating Cleveland 10-7 Sunday night after upsetting Super Bowl champion New England a week ago. "I hope I've had an impact,"

Bates said Monday. Players say he has, and they lobbied last week for his return as head coach. Owner Wayne Huizenga instead hired LSU's Saban

who accepted the job Saturday. Saban signed a five-year contract on Monday, after meeting again with Huizenga and team president Eddie Jones in Orlan-do, Fla., where LSU is preparing for the Capital One Bowl against

But despite the distractions and Bates' lame-duck status, he led his team to a sloppy, last-minute victory over the Browns

"It was an ugly win," he said. "But an ugly win is a win."

The late-season surge has cost Saban any shot at the No. 1 pick in the draft next April. But it has also shown there may be the foun-



Miami Dolphins quarterback A.J. Feeley hasn't turned the ball over in the past two games in addition to leading game-winning drives.

dation for a quick turnaround by a long-proud franchise enduring its first losing season in 16 years.

The improved play of A.J. Feelev suggests he may be Miami's quarterback of the future. He has overcome a tendency to commit critical turnovers throwing no interceptions in the past two games. And in both victories, he directed the winning drive in the final two minutes.

"We're getting better every week from when Jim took over," Feeley said. "The offense has been living up to their end of the

The offensive line, the biggest weakness the past two years, has provided better protection and bigger holes for the running backs in recent games. And the defense has held together despite a rash of injuries, with several youngsters contributing.

Most impressive is that the Dolphins keep playing hard, despite circumstances that would prompt many teams to fold.

"We have seven days left in the season." Pro Bowl defensive end Jason Taylor said, "You won't see

any quit in us until Jan. 3."

That's the day after the final game, when Saban is expected in South Florida for an introductory news conference. Dolphins spokesman Harvey Greene said Monday night that nothing is for-

Big changes are in store, with substantial turnover expected on the roster and coaching staff Saban will assume full authority

ter Wynn collided chasing a pass

by Wilkins on a fake punt. Both lay on the ground for several min-

utes before walking off, and Shep-

pard stayed out with a quadriceps

Rookie fullback Thomas Tapeh

was carted off with 28 seconds re-

maining with a dislocated hip

Tight end Chad Lewis strained

The Rams had 88 vards rush-

ing in their previous two losses

Against the overmatched squad

the Eagles used, the Rams gained

In McNabb's stead, Koy Det-

mer was dismal, going 1-for-6 for

5 yards before third-stringer Jeff

Blake entered in the fourth quar

419 yards, 209 on the ground.

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over the football operation, meaning much-maligned general manager Rick Spielman is likely to depart or be demoted.

The future is uncertain even for employees on the support staff, from medical personnel to the publicity department. will make for an emotional week as the Dolphins prepare to con-

clude their dismal season. "Every year you know when you go into the last game that this will be the last time the team will be together," Bates said.

"This year will be more emotional than ever, because it involves everybody associated with the Dolphins

One holdover may be Bates, a candidate for his former job of defensive coordinator. He and Saban were on the Cleveland Browns' staff together in 1991-93 and remain friends

"I have not talked to Nick, but I know he's with me, and I'm with him," Bates said. "We're good enough friends. We will talk

Regardless of whether Bates returns as an assistant, he said he's grateful for his two months as interim coach - and for the way

the players responded. His only other head coaching stints were in 1985 in the USFL and in 1969-71 at a high school in

"To have the players' support is as rewarding as anything I can have," he said. "You can get all the kudos and everything from the outside, but when you get it from within, that's the most satis-fying thing. When I leave this position, that will be something that I will always carry with me as long as I live. This has been a very re warding time.

St. Louis Rams rookie running

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Rams: St. Louis runs over second-string Eagles RAMS, FROM BACK PAGE unscatched. Cornerbacks Lito Sheppard, a Pro Bowler, and Dex-Donovan McNabb played one

series, when the Eagles got their only points. Defensive end Jevon Kearse never got onto the field and most of the starters were gone by halftime, if not sooner. "You have to make a decision

and there have been some good ones that have gone this route and there have been some had ones that have gone this route." coach Andy Reid said after his team's six-game winning streak was snapped. "So I don't think there's any answer. I think you look at past history when I've been here, so I made that decision to rest some guys." Philadelphia's second-string de-

fenders couldn't handle Jackson or Marc Bulger, who missed the past two games with a shoulder problem Playoff scenarios

New England has clinched division title and a first-round bye. Buffalo can clinch playoff berth with: 1. A win and a N.Y. Jets loss, OR 2. A win and a Popular loss of the OR

1. A win and a N.Y. Jets loss, OR
2. A win and a Denver loss or tie, OR
3. A tie and a Denver loss.
N.Y. Jets can clinich playoff berth with:
1. A win or tie, OR
2. A Buffalo loss or tie OR Denver loss or tie.

20-for-27 for 233 yards, and hit Isaac Bruce for a 7-yard TD. Martz revealed after the game

that Bulger has been hurt since the season opener.

Philadelphia managed only 155 yards against the Rams' 24th-ranked defense, 63 on the McNabb-led drive that ended with Freddie Mitchell's 7-yard touchdown catch.

Mitchell who made his first touchdown reception of the season, didn't want to hear anything about tiptoeing into the playoffs.

"As soon as you think it's a preseason game or think it's a scrim-mage, you get injured," he said. "So you've got to go out there 100 percent and then make plays no matter what happens."

Still, the Eagles didn't escape

Philadelphia has clinched homefield ad-vantage throughout the playoffs. NFC NORTH

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Pittsburgh has Clinded hometon.
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Baltimore can clinch playoff berth with:
1. A win, a Buffalo loss, a Denver loss and

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San Diego has clinched division title.
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ter and went 4-for-14 for 41 ending the longest active streak in the league at 158 games. A tie and a Buffalo loss or tie, OR
 A Buffalo loss plus Jacksonville and Baltimore lose or tie.

Carolina can clinch playoff berth with:

1. A win and a Minnesota loss, OR

2. A win and a Seattle win or tie, OR

3. A win or tie and a St. Louis loss or tie.

New Orleans clinches playoff berth with

1. A win and a St. Louis loss or tie, OR

2. A win and a Seattle and Minnesota wir NFC NORTH
Green Bay has clinched division title.
Minnesota can clinch playoff berth with:
1. A win or tie, OR
2. A Carolina loss or tie, OR St. Louis loss or tie.

Seattle has clinched playoff berth. Seattle can clinch division title with: 1. A win or tie, OR 2. A St. Louis loss or tie. NFC SOUTH
Atlanta has clinched division title and a first-round bye.

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Rams remain in playoff chase

As Philly rest stars, Jackson's career game lifts St. Louis

BY BARRY WILNER

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ST. LOUIS — The St. Louis Rams still have high playoff hopes. The Philadelphia Eagles just hope the playoffs get here before anyone else goes down. By beating the Eagles' junior varsity 20-7

By beating the Eagles' junior varsity 20-7 Monday night, the Rams (7-8) ensured their season finale against the New York Jets wouldn't just be meaningful for the opponent. Behind

Playoff possibilities
St. Louis wins NFC West with:

with:

1. A win over the N.Y.
Jets and a Seattle loss to
Atlanta
St. Louis clinches playoff berth with:
1. A win and a Minnesota loss at Washington
or
2. A win and tie in the
New Orleans-Carolina

rookie Steven Jackson's best performance of his brief pro career, St. Louis stayed alive for the NFC West crown or for a wild-card berth.

2. A win and tie in the New Orleans-Carolina statement game for me,"

Jackson said after rushing for 148 yards and a 5-yard touchdown before bruising bis right knee

anter rusning for 146 yards and a 5-yard touchdown before bruising his right knee in the fourth quarter. "It was a must-win game. I wanted to come out and run the ball pretty hard when I had the opportunities. I wanted to make up for lost time."

Jackson, a first-round draft choice and the first running back selected last April, missed the past two losses that dropped the Rams to the edge of elimination. A previous knee injury sidelined him two weeks ago, then coach Mike Martz didn't use him lest used:



Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb, above, played one series and led Philadelphia to its only touchdown on Monday. Running back Brian Westbrook, offensive tackle Tra Thomas and defensive end Jevon Kearse did not play for Philadelphia.



Philadelphia defender Roderick Hood tries to stop St. Louis wide receiver Isaac Bruce during the Rams' 20-7 victory on Monday night.

But Martz turned to the youngster immediately against Philadelphia (13-2), and it

paid off.

In a stark departure from his passing persona, Martz — perhaps sensing it would be Jackson's night — called 10 running plays on the opening drive that covered 73 yards. Jackson ran for 46 yards

and Marshall Faulk for 27 on the march. Jackson also had a 43-yard run in the second period on a drive that ended with Jeff Wilkins missing a 44-yard field goal.

"That first series, we were handing the ball to him and he's running through them, around them, every which way you can," Martz said. "He's a terrific back and it afforded us the ability to go down and not throw the ball one time. When you've got a

guy playing like that — spectacular."

If the Rams (7-8) beat the Jets on Sunday and Seattle loses to Atlanta, St. Louis will win the NFC West. If the Seahawks win and take the division, St. Louis can

make the playoffs by winning and having Minnesota lose at Washington, or by Caroli-

na and New Orleans tying.

A win for the Jets would put them into the AFC playoffs.

"After all the drama we've been through this year, to be in position to potentially get into the playoffs, how awesome is that?" Martz said. "We will show up next week

and lay it all out there."

The Eagles, who own home-field advantage for the NFC playoffs, didn't lay it out Monday night because they didn't need to. Perhaps spooked by the ankle and leg injury that has sidelined star receiver Terrell Owens, they weren't about to jeopardize other stars in a game that meant nothing to them.

Running back Brian Westbrook, their prime offensive threat with Owens out, was scratched, along with starting tackle Tra Thomas.

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Philadelphia's Greg Lewis, left, is tackled by the Rams' Jerametrius Butler. Without QB Donovan McNabb, the Eagles managed 92 yards of offense in 3½ quarters.

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